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NATIONAL ANTHEM OF CANADA

O Canada!
 Our home and native land!
 True patriot love in all thy sons command.
 With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
 The True North strong and free!
 From far and wide,
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
 God keep our land glorious and free!
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
 O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Ô Canada!
 Terre de nos aïeux,
 Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux!
 Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
 Il sait porter la croix!
 Ton histoire est une épopée
 Des plus brillants exploits.
 Et ta valeur, de foi trempée,
 Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.
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NATIONAL ANTHEM OF UGANDA

Oh Uganda! may God uphold thee,
 We lay our future in thy hand.
 United, free,
 For liberty
 Together we'll always stand.

Oh Uganda! the land of freedom.
 Our love and labour we give,
 And with neighbours all
 At our country's call
 In peace and friendship we'll live.

Oh Uganda! the land that feeds us
 By sun and fertile soil grown
 For our own dear land,
 We'll always stand
 The Pearl of Africa's Crown

WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN



It gives me immense pleasure to welcome all of you to the Golden Jubilee celebration - fifty years of Uganda's independence, in Toronto. We will be celebrating this momentous milestone with three great events which will give all of us an opportunity to meet old friends, make new ones, and share common stories about days in Uganda.

This celebration has brought together all the different ethnic communities that created Uganda and has created a sense of unity and brotherhood.

Time has slipped away so quickly and now here we are celebrating fifty years of independence.

The Organizing Committee has worked tremendously hard to put these events together.

I would like to thank the Uganda High Commission for its support and guidance – and for joining us today.

I would like to thank all the advertisers and well-wishers for their contribution and support.

I would like to thank all members of the Organizing Committee and their spouses, and several others who helped in subcommittees and in one way or another.

And in a special way I would like to welcome all the children of those of us who came from Uganda. I hope this celebration will help you understand that our hearts are large enough to have love and gratitude for our adopted country Canada and the country we are honouring - Uganda.

I welcome all of you to this event to mark this great day in the history of Uganda. You are all Uganda and this is your anniversary.

Naresh Majithia
Chair, Uganda50Toronto

EDITOR'S MESSAGE



This book is designed to commemorate Uganda's 50th anniversary of independence from the viewpoint of the Ugandan Diaspora living in Canada, and the Greater Toronto Area in particular.

As we all know, not all those fifty years have been happy years and that is why there are so many of us here. But then are we unique? The USA went through a civil war of several years, not all of which, we are told, is forgotten. But Canada, despite its war of 1812 with its neighbour the USA, has transformed its relationship to become one of the USA's best friends.

And so while we understand our angst, we can see the way ahead with the process of reconciliation and progress that has gone on for several years. Much of this is reflected in our souvenir booklet: the critical events in our history, the stories of people of Uganda or their descendants who have excelled in Canada in some way, Ugandan authors etc. In searching for Ugandan authors, it astounded me to find so many! Perhaps like Solzhenitsyn and Tolstoy, we can see that great suffering brings great art.

Perhaps the same can be said of Uganda as a mother – who through great labour pains brought forth children that have not only contributed to Uganda, but to the whole world. Perhaps it is fitting that in 2012 Ugandan Stephen Kiprotich won a Gold Medal at the Olympics in the Marathon. It is in the long run that we all win.

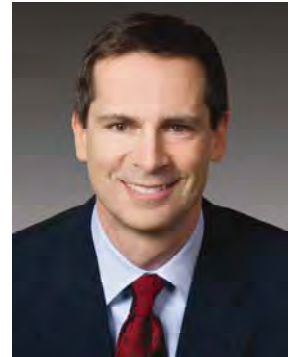
God bless Uganda and its people. And God bless Canada that has been so good to us.

As much as I have tried to pull together all our stories, inevitably the time was short and much more could have been written about people. If I have missed anyone out, please forgive me. But I think it is a lot more important to have at least some examples of excellence to inspire our youth. My heartfelt thanks to all the people who helped pull the stories together.

John H. Nazareth



Premier of Ontario - Premier ministre de l'Ontario



September 8, 2012

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone attending the culture show and dinner dance marking the 50th anniversary of Uganda's independence. I am honoured to add my voice to this occasion as the Ugandan Canadian community and Ugandans all over the world celebrate this special event.

Independence is a blessing that enables a nation to engage with other countries in friendship and trade, chart its own destiny, and ultimately find its place in the global community. Today is not just an opportunity to commemorate Uganda's independence and achievements. It is also a chance to celebrate the relations that Uganda and Canada have cultivated.

The Ugandan Canadian community is part of Ontario's diverse society — a multicultural and multilingual society that enables us to better engage with the rest of the world. I wish to express my appreciation for the many contributions of your community to our province's economic, social and cultural life.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable independence day celebration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dalton McGuinty".

Dalton McGuinty
Premier



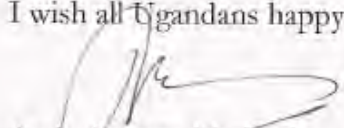
MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Uganda and the Mission staff in Ottawa to congratulate all Ugandans in general and those in Canada on this memorable occasion when we celebrate the Golden Jubilee of our Independence. This is a historic day for the birth of the Republic of Uganda. Therefore, the planned celebrations both at home and in the respective capitals abroad will provide us with the opportunity to reflect on our achievements in 50 years of Independence notwithstanding the numerous challenges. It will also give us the opportunity to prove to the world that we Ugandans have the courage, and the wisdom to seek creative and visionary solutions to our challenges.

I wish to thank the Uganda50Toronto Organising Committee for organizing the Independence Golden Jubilee Celebrations, which will take place in Toronto from September 8-9, 2012 with the main event of the celebrations scheduled for September 8, 2012 and a boat cruise on October 7, 2012. The Golden Jubilee celebrations in Toronto, Canada are part of the activities that are taking place prior to the main celebrations in Kampala, Uganda in October 2012. We are highly grateful to the Government of Canada for the cooperation and strong support extended to the Government of the Republic of Uganda and Ugandans living and working in Canada.

We have before us a unique opportunity to participate in Uganda's development agenda and to ensure that Uganda is a conducive place to live as we celebrate our Golden Jubilee of Independence-Uganda at 50. We look forward to your continued close cooperation and strategic partnership, working together for the development of our country.

I wish all Ugandans happy and memorable Independence Golden Jubilee celebrations.


Amb. George M. Abola
HIGH COMMISSIONER



*Uganda's 50th Anniversary of Independence Celebrations
Toronto, Ontario*

I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone attending Uganda's 50th Anniversary of Independence Celebrations in Toronto, Ontario.

As Ontarians, we believe in celebrating our culture and heritage and derive our strength and vitality from the cultural and ethnic diversity that makes up our great province, Ontario, and country, Canada.

As the recently appointed Honorary Consul of Uganda in Toronto, I have had the opportunity to travel to Uganda on a number of occasions to witness first hand the enormous work in areas of economic development, investment opportunities and tourism being done by the Government of Uganda. Based on my own memories of the past, Uganda has been diligently rebuilding over the past 25 years, and looking forward to embracing the knowledge, expertise and investment of the Ugandan diaspora in areas of health care and education in particular.

I applaud the organizing committee which has been working tirelessly over the past several months to bring together the Ugandan diaspora, families and friends to celebrate this special milestone: 50 Years of Independence.

Please accept my congratulations and best wishes for every success in all of your planned events to make for most memorable celebrations.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Navin Chandaria', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Navin Chandaria
Honorary Consul of Uganda in Toronto

August 7, 2012

**HARINDER S. TAKHAR**

**MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT
MISSISSAUGA-ERINDALE**

September 8, 2012

I would like to welcome everyone attending tonight's Cultural Show and Dinner Dance, as we celebrate Uganda's 50th Anniversary of Independence coming up next month. This is one of three celebrations being held in the Greater Toronto Area to mark this important milestone.

I am especially delighted that the Uganda50Toronto Organizing Committee has chosen this great City of Mississauga to host tonight's celebration. Truly reflective of the diversity of the Ugandan community, Mississauga is an excellent city to host this evening's festivities.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Uganda on Stephen Kiprotich's Olympic Gold Medal in the Men's Marathon, on the final day of London 2012 Olympics, Uganda's first gold medal in 40 years and the second in its history.

Please accept my very best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. S. Takhar".

Harinder S. Takhar, MPP
Mississauga-Erindale
Minister of Government Services

Greetings From Dr. Sudhir Ruparelia



It is indeed my immense privilege and a great honour to be invited to contribute to the souvenir Magazine being published to commemorate the 50th Independence Anniversary (40th Anniversary since the expulsion of Asians) of Uganda by Ugandan Asian Community in Canada.

For me it is a gratifying thought, that despite the fact that many of you have spent most of the last forty odd years in Canada –or outside Uganda, you still have Uganda in your hearts and thoughts as demonstrated by the activities planned by the Uganda Asian Community in Canada to mark the 50th independence anniversary of Uganda.

This undoubtedly signifies that one cannot completely detach from one's roots as I believe that many of you were either born in Uganda, like myself, or spent your formative years in Uganda.

Whereas one cannot deny that there was a dark patch in the era after independence particularly from 1972 to 1986, I firmly believe that one needs to look at the present and then envisage/anticipate what the future is likely to be.

On my part, I have no hesitation whatsoever to state that returning to Uganda in 1984 has paid enormous dividends to me and my family and we are certainly not an isolated case. As of today Ruparelia Group employs over 6000 people in Uganda.

We would all like to claim that this success has been achieved due to our enterprising spirit and shrewd business acumen and without which you cannot succeed in any country but a great deal of the credit goes to the current NRM Government under the amazingly effective and visionary leadership of His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni. He not only invited the Asians with open arms to come and repossess their confiscated properties/assets but also created an enabling environment to promote private sector led growth in the economy.

His Excellency and his Government are, of course, determined to ensure that the strides made to-date in developing the economy of Uganda continue with even greater transformation to make Uganda a fully industrialized nation by maintaining peace and stability, promoting and supporting regional integration and proper and fruitful exploitation of its natural resources such as oils and minerals.

In my opinion, therefore, the future prospects for investments in Uganda are very promising and I would implore all those based in Canada and elsewhere that as you look to diversify or even relocate, Uganda should certainly feature in your plans. I am confident that those of us who have already re-established here in Uganda would provide any guidance/assistance that you may come to seek from us.

In conclusion, let me wish all of you wonderful, enjoyable and nostalgic celebrations of this milestone and I sincerely hope that at least some of you will in the not too distant future, invest in what is still your country – Uganda. May God Bless you.

For God and My Country.

Dr. Sudhir Ruparelia

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BIOGRAPHY OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Muriel Alvares

Muriel Alvares (nee Mascarenhas) was born, educated, worked and lived in Kampala, Uganda, until October 1972, when she moved along with her parents and sisters to Toronto. Muriel worked for the then Uganda Development Corporation (UDC), 1964-72, and represented, in Women's Field Hockey, Uganda and East Africa, 1963-1972. She worked at the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Vienna, Austria, 1973-1975, before returning and permanently settling down in Toronto, December 1975. Muriel has been working with the Government of Ontario since January 2002 after serving in the private sector for several years. She married Christopher Alvares in 1977 and they have two daughters, Melissa and Marsha who, on July 14, 2012, married John Maiorano.

Melissa and Marsha have heart-warming volunteer experiences, working in the Kamwokya slums and Luwero Hospital in 2007 and 2008, respectively. Muriel was back in Uganda for a two-week vacation in Kampala and Mbarara in July 2008, and plans to attend with Christopher the upcoming 50th anniversary celebrations in Uganda, October 2012."

Ayub Dhukai

Ayub Dhukai hails from Iganga, Uganda, and lives in Toronto, Canada. He is married and has two daughters and one son. He is a fellow of the Certified Chartered Accountants and an MBA in Marketing and Finance. He is involved in various cultural organizations. Ayub is a successful retailer and Owner / Co-Op President of Popeyes Chicken and Seafood, Canada, one of the largest quick-service chains specializing in Chicken and Seafood.

Zul Jaffer

Zul Jaffer is the Grand Son of Uganda's early pioneer Bandali Jaffer. Bandali Jaffer family since 1900 has been involved in the development and growth of Uganda in the true pioneer spirit, starting with Agro Production, then Agro industrial growth and tourist projects. The family was involved over the years in Cotton Ginning, coffee processing, production of soap and edible oil, corn flour, growing of Coffee and Vanilla, Textile Mill and Hotel. Construction of properties that included multi-residential units, commercial shops, office and Industrial buildings including in 1972 with the successful building and opening of Fairway Hotel.

Zul Jaffer is currently living in Toronto, Canada; over the years working as a Real Estate Broker and Developer. He has completed many new projects, building of residential properties, commercial buildings, Plazas, Hotels and Motels.

Scollah Kamusiime

Scollah Aguram Kamusiime was born in Kabale District, Uganda. She completed her education at The Institute of Teacher Education Kyambogo currently known as Kyambogo University, worked as primary School Teacher at Buddo Junior School for ten years and then relocated to Canada in 2006. Currently she is working with Reena as a Developmental Disability Counsellor. She is actively rendering volunteer services to Pamoja Initiative (non profit organization) as secretary and coordinating performing activities of Shangaza Performers, which is one of the projects run by Pamoja Initiative.

Zulfikar R. Kassamali

Zulfikar Kassamali was born in Masaka and later moved to Kampala. Studied at Aga Khan primary & secondary school, finally took Electrical Engineering in Kyambogo Technical College. He began his career in East Africa, where he worked primarily in business. At a young age he became Vice President & Operations Manager – Lake Victoria Bottling Company (Pepsi-Cola). He came to Canada in 1972 as a refugee. Upon his arrival, he joined the Welcome House, Manpower and Immigration Center, committed to helping Ugandan refugees integrate into society. That same year, he created the first multicultural program for the Don Mills Foundation for Seniors.

Throughout his career, Mr. Kassamali has acquired considerable expertise, particularly with respect to the elderly and cultural diversity, and has served on several related boards. He also founded a number of organizations and programs for seniors including the Federation of Jambo Seniors and the Ismaili Seniors Action Team. Since 1991, Mr. Kassamali has chaired the North York Seniors' Health Centre Family Advisory Committee, which serves

caregivers by providing advice and raising awareness of ethno-cultural differences and how to deal with them. He has been Governor – Board of Governors, Seneca College.

His community involvement has garnered him a number of awards such as the Toronto Police Services Community Services Award in 1998 and the Premier's Award for Community Service in 1996. His dream has been the creation of the "Virtual Museum of Asian Canadian Cultural Heritage", towards which he is well on his way.

David Kavuma

David Kavuma was a founding member and 1st Chair Person of Uganda Martyrs Church of Canada. He was also a member of the organizing committee member of UNNA Toronto 1996. He was the youngest of his parents' family of 11 born in then the East Mengo District now Luwero District. He left Uganda in 1982, one of the many victims of the Luwero triangle. He is a farmer at heart as his late father. Currently calling Brampton home, where he gardens for relaxation with wife Persis, who together have just celebrated their Silver Wedding Jubilee, with daughter Julia and son George.

Persis Kavuma

Persis Kavuma is an Old Girl of Trinity College Nabbingo. She is also an alumna of Makerere University Kampala, Uganda. Persis immigrated to Canada late 1985 to join her fiancé David, whom she later married in 1987.

In order to fulfill her dream of working in the Fashion industry which she could not as the options were very limited at Makerere, she joined George Brown College. She graduated at the tail end of the recession of the 80's. She was hired by the Department of National Defence as the Base Tailor in 1989 where she was responsible for making sure the Canadian Military Dress Code was followed according to the manual.

Two years later, she was blessed with a daughter and a son. The closing of the Canadian Forces Base in Downsview made another turn in her life for she either had to move to CFB Borden or leave the public service. She opted to leave and perform contract work and motherly duties. Persis volunteered in the Uganda Martyrs Church when it started in 1992 to serve the needs of the Ugandan community. She taught Sunday school.

Life took another turn as she was asked to help out at a school at the time when her daughter and son were at school all day. With that decision, Persis decided to go back to school and later graduated with Bachelors in Education. She is now an Elementary teacher with the Toronto District School Board. When her children turned 12, they joined the Air Cadet Canada, a program she recommends for every parent to involve their children. Persis volunteered on the sponsoring committee for five years.

Geoffrey Kiggundu

Geoffrey Kiggundu is a teacher and translator. He lives in Brampton Ontario with his wife Sarah and three children. Geoffrey is the new Executive Director of Uganda Martyrs United Church of Uganda and was a member of the Council of Uganda Martyrs Church for the past three years. He is very interested in community development initiatives and has a passion for reading and writing.

Margaret Kyogire

Margaret Lucy Kyogire is currently the Deputy Head of Mission of the Uganda High Commission in Ottawa. Before she joined Uganda Foreign Service, she held Senior Public Relations positions in the Private Sector and Uganda Development Bank. Margaret was transferred to Ottawa from the Uganda Embassy Rome, in May 2012 where she served in a similar position for five and a half years.

Margaret is a mother of three and has a passion for Jesus, Uganda and Tourism.

Naresh Majithia

Naresh Majithia (Voice of Mukesh) is originally from Jinja. He presently lives in Mississauga with his wife, Indu, son and daughter-in-law and three grandchildren. Naresh is an economist and a businessman. He has business interests in Uganda and Canada.

He has traveled widely to Uganda on several trips. Naresh promotes an Eco friendly environment through his ventures in Green Technologies. He is a member of UCBPA of Canada and is proud to be a Ugandan Canadian.

Ron Mascarenhas

Ron Mascarenhas hails from Kampala, Uganda and resides in Newmarket, Ontario. He has two daughters, Lauren and Brittany.

After completing High school at Kololo Secondary, Ron entered into a Pulp and Paper Engineering program at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan. After two years in this program, Ron transferred to the University of Toronto where he completed a Master's in Applied Science in Chemical Engineering.

As a Professional Engineer in the Province of Ontario, Ron presently works for Crown Beverages Company as a Senior Customer Technical Service Manager North America. His primary focus is in the Beer and Beverage Industry in Canada and the North East USA.

Florence Mulera

Florence Mulera was born and raised in Ankore. She was educated at Kabwohe Primary School, Gayaza High School and Makerere University Kampala. She taught at Nabisunsa High School. Florence came to Canada 31 years ago and lives in East Gwillimbury with her husband, Muniini Mulera. They have four daughters and three grand children.

Florence assists her husband in the running of his office. She is a director of Pamoja Initiative, a Ugandan Canadian organisation whose vision is to create an environment where the Ugandan community can share our experiences, knowledge and resources in order to improve our quality of life. Together with Shangaza Performers, Pamoja preserves African culture through the visual and performing Arts.

Dr. Munini Mulera

Dr. Muniini K. Mulera, who has lived in Canada for 31 years, is married to Florence Ntambi Tabaaro, his wife and best friend of 37 years. Born in Kabale, Kigezi, Dr. Mulera studied at Kings College, Budo before joining Makerere University Medical School where he graduated in 1977. Dr. Mulera escaped from Uganda in August 1977, became a refugee in Kenya, then moved to Lesotho, then to Ireland before coming to Canada in the summer of 1981.

Dr. Mulera, a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada (Paediatrics) and a Fellow of the American Academy of Paediatrics, was Assistant Professor of Paediatrics at the University of Toronto and Staff Neonatologist at the Hospital for Sick Children, before going into private practice as a Consultant Paediatrician and Neonatologist.

He is a founder member and former Board Member of the Uganda North American Medical Society (UNAMS); a founder member and past-President of the Kigezi-Canada Association, Inc.; and a founder member and former Vice-President of the International Community of Banyakigezi (ICOB). Dr. Mulera currently serves as Chairman of the Uganda Martyrs United Church of Canada and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ugandan North American Association (UNAA).

John Nazareth

John Nazareth was born in Entebbe and lived most of his first 26 years there. He studied at St. Mary's College Kisubi between 1961 and 1966 where he got politically connected at a crucial time in the history of Uganda. He did his B.Sc. in Mathematics at Makerere University and then worked in the Ministry of Finance & Planning in Entebbe for 3 years. It was within that tenure that the infamous Expulsion of Asians occurred. John remained for a year after the Expulsion and then left to pursue his postgraduate studies. He did a postgraduate diploma at the London School of Economics and an M.Sc at the University of Toronto. Later he did his MBA at York University. In Canada, John has worked in the field of Reliability Engineering for 35 years with Litton Systems and Bombardier Aerospace, rising to the positions of Manager of Reliability & Environmental Qualification, and Chief of Maintenance Data. He is currently Senior Reliability Specialist. John is an industry expert on reliability and has been instrumental in creating international standards in the field of reliability. John has also been involved in cultural activities and was President of the Toronto Goan Overseas Association in 1985-87.

John is married to Cynthia nee Fernandes of Jinja and a former student of Gayaza High School. They have two children and a grandchild. The whole family had the pleasure of visiting Uganda in 1993.

Emmanuel Ndyanabo

Emmanuel Ndyanabo is originally from Kisoro district in Ugandan and now currently residing in Toronto. He is a strong believer in Community development and Social Justice. He is currently advancing his career in Social Work studies at Ryerson University. He is currently working as a Peer Mentor with Fife House Foundation whose mission is to provide secure and affordable supportive housing and support for persons living with HIV/AIDS in Ontario. He has been involved in the HIV/AIDS advocacy, community development, engagement and leadership for over 7 years. He co-founded Gospel Groovers Uganda - a group of Gospel Artists and Singers. has worked and Volunteered with a number of organizations including Committee for Accessible AIDS Treatment (CAAT), Canadian Council for refugees, Asian Community AIDS Service, Amnesty International, The AIDS service organization (TASO-Uganda), AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT), Pride Uganda International Alliance(PUAI), Ethno-Racial treatment Support network (ETSN), Vice Chair-Pamoja Initiative and a member of Shangaza performers-a group that promotes African Culture through Education and entertainment here in Toronto.

Balwant Pattni

Balwant Pattni lives in Toronto, Canada, with his wife, Shradha Pattni and two daughters. He grew up in Kampala where he received his education, gained his business sense, and assisted his father in managing their family business. He came to Canada in 1972, where he started new ventures. He is now working at MDS Sciex – a science and health based organization.

Pastor Charles Olango

Pastor Charles Arach Olango was born in Gulu district Northern Uganda. He left Uganda and went to Ethiopia where he lived for 10 years. He graduated from Ethiopian Theological College in Addis Ababa with an associate degree of theology and was subsequently ordained in Botswana. Pastor Olango has done mission work with Jesus Prayers International [JPI] in Botswana and the Redeemed Evangelical mission [TREM] in Ethiopia. He moved to Canada in 2006 and is currently the Pastor of Uganda Martyrs United Church of Canada in Toronto. Pastor is married to Santa Ateko Olango and God has blessed them with wonderful children , three girls and a son.

Opiyo Oloya

Opiyo Oloya graduated from Makerere University (1981) with a degree in political science. There he was elected as the President of the Makerere University Students' Guild. He subsequently fled to Kenya from where he applied for refugee status in Canada. While in Canada, he continued his studies at Queen's University, graduating with a political science degree in 1986. He went on to attain his Master's of Education at the University of Ottawa, and a PhD from York University.

Oloya taught in the Catholic School Board for many years, and became the principal of Divine Mercy Catholic School, an elementary school in Vaughn, Ontario. He is currently Superintendent of Education with York Catholic District School Board. On June 15, 2012 Oloya received an honorary Doctor of Laws from York University's Faculty of Education and addressed the graduating students.

Jitu Tanna

Jitu Tanna was born in his home town of Kaliro and moved to Jinja in the late sixties. He lived in the UK before coming to Canada in 1982, He currently works for RBC Financial Group and lives in Markham with is wife Rekha and two sons, Rajiv & Rahul. He has been to Uganda twice with is family and hopes to live there when he retires.

Sul Virani

Sul (Sultan) Virani was born in Singida, Tanzania, and moved to Kampala, Uganda. She studied at the Aga Khan Primary and Secondary School and later moved to Old Kampala Secondary School, where she was head prefect in her final year. Sul worked for one year as a primary school teacher, and then took a secretarial course at the Uganda College of Commerce. Sul was employed as a secretary at the Attorney General's Office in Kampala, at Caltex and then at Galley & Roberts for several years. In Canada she worked part-time as a secretary in Montreal and then re-located to Toronto, worked as a secretary for the Insurer's Advisory Organization for thirteen years and then joined the Ontario Ministry of Health, where she worked until her retirement in 2007. Sul has been a volunteer for the United Way, and SALCO, the South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario.

Julie Zhu

After graduating from University, Julie Zhu chose to go Uganda in 1997. She worked for the Uganda Development Bank (UDB), Cairo International Bank (CIB) then The Mehta Group all together for 16 years.

In 2003 she returned to Canada and worked for The Mehta Group in Brampton for 3 years before joining HSBC Canada. She is currently Premier Relationship Manager, and Mutual Funds Advisor with the HSBC.

Uganda Independence Celebration Committee makes the news

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CANADA NEWS
India Abroad August 10, 2012

‘We had to leave our country but it proved to be a blessing in disguise’

AJIT JAIN

The Ugandan-Indian Diaspora in Toronto has formed a committee to celebrate the golden jubilee of Ugandan Independence September 8. Ugandan High Commissioner in Canada George Marino Abola will be collaborating with the committee to organize the celebrations, which will include many cultural activities, and even Bollywood dance and music.

Ugandan immigrants of Indian and Pakistani descent came to Canada after they were ordered to leave the country by then dictator Idi Amin in 1972.

“We can’t have negative feelings about Uganda because of this part of Ugandan history,” said Naresh Majithia, chairman, organizing committee. “We suffered as we had to leave our country but it proved to be a blessing in disguise. We came to Canada and that’s how our children got the best education. We are all well settled here. We own homes and are successful in business, and various professions.”

He also spoke about the reforms in Uganda after Idi Amin. “I know all Indians, who were forced out of the country, have now got their properties back. There was a deadline by which we had to apply. Of course, we needed papers to prove our claim on those properties,” he said.

Majithia added that all ethnic groups from Uganda — mostly Ismailis, Gujaratis, Muslims and Hindu, have joined hands in celebrating the Independence Day.

“Uganda today is not what people think,” he said. “It respects all cultures and faiths and that explains how recently two new Hindu temples, the Swami Narayan temple and the Sai Baba temple, opened there.”





Uganda50Toronto Committee in front of the Ontario Legislative Building

Greeting From Mayur Madhvani

Firstly, let me congratulate you and the organizers who have worked to organize the celebrations for the Golden Jubilee 50 years of Uganda's independence in Toronto. It is indeed amazing how time has slipped away and we are now embarking on 50 years of independence.

Unfortunately, as you will appreciate I will be very much in Uganda during this period and therefore regrettably, I am unable to accept your kind invitation to be present in Toronto to celebrate this occasion.

I do however, take this opportunity in wishing the functions every success and I am sure, it will be well attended, particularly by many of the individuals who were unfortunate victims of the Asian expulsion that took place in 1972.

This event will also be an opportunity for the younger generation to learn about the new Uganda and how it has progressed economically.

Finally, I hope you and the organizing committee members will have the opportunity to visit Uganda again and see the progress the country has made, at first hand.

Best regards,

Mayur Madhvani



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Kiprotich wins Olympic gold for Uganda

Uganda's Stephen Kiprotich stunned a strong Kenyan team to win the men's Olympic marathon, handing his east African nation only their second ever gold medal. Kiprotich timed 2hr 08min 01sec on the spectacular course around the streets of central London, with two-time defending world champion Abel Kirui claiming silver in 2:08.27. Another Kenyan, long-time leader Wilson Kipsang, took bronze in 2:09.37.

It was Uganda's second ever Olympic gold medal after John Akii-Bua won the 400m hurdles in the 1972 Games in Munich, with the east African country's only other medal a bronze from 400m runner Davis Kamonga in 1996.



Kipsang, the 2012 London Marathon winner built up a lead on the peloton, going through the halfway mark in 1:03.15, 16sec ahead of the chasing pack. In front of thousands of spectators packed 10-deep in some places, Kiprotich set off in pursuit of Kipsang, splintering the pack in the hunt for a podium place.



As the leading trio went through the gilded, covered Leadenhall Market for the final time with 7km to go, the Kenyans upped the pace to shake off Kiprotich. But the two Kenyans were caught napping as Kiprotich showed a dramatic change of pace to surge to the front in an audacious ambush at 32km, and was quickly 200m ahead.

Going into the final 2km, the 23-year-old Ugandan was 20sec ahead of Kirui, and he had enough time to grab a Ugandan flag on his last time entering the Mall, in the shadow of Buckingham Palace, draping it around his shoulders as he crossed the line for a convincing victory.

*Article and 2nd, 3rd pictures extracted from New Vision By Moses Walubiri and Agencies
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A CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS IN UGANDA'S HISTORY

- 1500 - Bito dynasties of Buganda, Bunyoro and Ankole founded by Nilotic-speaking immigrants from present-day southeastern Sudan.
- 1700 - Buganda begins to expand at the expense of Bunyoro.
- 1800 - Buganda controls territory bordering Lake Victoria from the Victoria Nile to the Kagera river.
- 1840s - Muslim traders from the Indian Ocean coast exchange firearms, cloth and beads for the ivory and slaves of Buganda.
- 1862 - British explorer John Hanning Speke becomes the first European to visit Buganda.
- 1875 - Bugandan King Mutesa I allows Christian missionaries to enter his realm.
- British influence
- 1877 - Members of the British Missionary Society arrive in Buganda.
- 1879 - Members of the French Roman Catholic White Fathers arrive.
- 1890 - Britain and Germany sign treaty giving Britain rights to what was to become Uganda.
- 1892 - Imperial British East Africa Company agent Frederick Lugard extends the company's control to southern Uganda and helps the Protestant missionaries to prevail over their Catholic counterparts in Buganda.
- 1894 - Uganda becomes a British protectorate.
- 1900 - Britain signs agreement with Buganda giving it autonomy and turning it into a constitutional monarchy controlled mainly by Protestant chiefs.
- 1902 - The Eastern province of Uganda transferred to the Kenya.
- 1904 - Commercial cultivation of cotton begins.
- 1921 - Uganda given a legislative council, but its first African member not admitted till 1945.
- 1958 - Uganda given internal self-government. Elections held in 1961 - Benedicto Kiwanuka elected Chief Minister.
- 1962 - Uganda becomes independent with Milton Obote as prime minister and with Buganda enjoying considerable autonomy.
- 1963 - Uganda becomes a republic with Buganda's King Mutesa II as president.
- 1966 - Milton Obote ends Buganda's autonomy and promotes himself to the presidency.
- 1967 - New constitution vests considerable power in the president.
- 1971 - Milton Obote toppled in coup led by Army chief Idi Amin.
- 1972 - Amin expels Israelis giving them 2 weeks to leave.
- 1972 - Amin orders Asians who were not Ugandan citizens - around 60,000 people - to leave the country in 3 months.
- 1972-73 - Uganda engages in border clashes with Tanzania.
- 1976 - Idi Amin declares himself president for life and claims parts of Kenya.
- 1978 - Uganda invades Tanzania with a view to annexing Kagera region.
- 1979 - Tanzania invades Uganda, unifying the various anti-Amin forces under the Uganda National Liberation Front and forcing Amin to flee the country; Yusufu Lule installed as president, but is quickly replaced by Godfrey Binaisa.
- 1980 - Binaisa overthrown by the army.
- 1980 - Milton Obote becomes president after elections.
- 1981-86 Following the bitterly disputed elections, Ugandan bush war fought by National Resistance Army
- 1985 - Obote deposed in military coup and is replaced by Tito Okello.
- 1986 - National Resistance Army rebels take Kampala and install Yoweri Museveni as president.
- 1993 - Museveni restores the traditional kings, including the king of Buganda, but without political power.
- 1995 - New constitution legalizes political parties but maintains the ban on political activity.
- 1996 - Museveni returned to office in Uganda's first direct presidential election.

- 2000 - Ugandans vote to reject multi-party politics in favour of continuing Museveni's "no-party" system.
- 2001 January - East African Community (EAC) re-inaugurated in Arusha, Tanzania, laying groundwork for common East African passport, flag, economic and monetary integration. Members are Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya.
- 2001 March - Museveni wins another term in office, beating his rival Kizza Besigye by 69% to 28%. Campaign against rebels
- 2002 October - Army evacuates more than 400,000 civilians caught up in fight against cult-like LRA which continues its brutal attacks on villages.
- 2003 May - Uganda pulls out last of its troops from eastern DR Congo. Tens of thousands of DR Congo civilians seek asylum in Uganda.
- 2004 December - Government and LRA rebels hold their first face-to-face talks, but there is no breakthrough in ending the insurgency.
- 2005 July - Parliament approves a constitutional amendment which scraps presidential term limits. Voters in a referendum overwhelmingly back a return to multi-party politics.
- 2005 October - International Criminal Court issues arrest warrants for five LRA commanders, including leader Joseph Kony.
- 2006 February - President Museveni wins multi-party elections, taking 59% of the vote against the 37% share of his rival, Kizza Besigye.
- 2006 August - The government and the LRA sign a truce aimed at ending their long-running conflict. Subsequent peace talks are marred by regular walk-outs.
- 2007 March - Ugandan peacekeepers deploy in Somalia as part of an African Union mission to help stabilise the country.
- 2008 February - Government and the Lord's Resistance Army sign what is meant to be a permanent ceasefire at talks in Juba, Sudan.
- 2008 November - The leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, Joseph Kony, again fails to turn up for the signing of a peace agreement. Ugandan, South Sudanese and DR Congo armies launch offensive against LRA bases.
- 2009 The UK oil explorer Heritage Oil says it has made a major oil find in Uganda.
- 2009 March - Ugandan army begins to withdraw from DR Congo, where it had pursued Lord's Resistance Army rebels.
- 2009 December - Parliament votes to ban female circumcision. Anyone convicted of the practice will face 10 years in jail or a life sentence if a victim dies.
- 2010 January - President Museveni distances himself from the anti-homosexuality Bill, saying the ruling party MP who proposed the bill did so as an individual. The European Union and United States had condemned the bill.
- 2010 July - Two bomb attacks on people watching World Cup final at a restaurant and a rugby club in Kampala kill at least 74 people. The Somali Islamist group Al-Shabab says it was behind the blasts.
- 2011 February - Museveni wins his fourth presidential election.
- 2011 July - US deploys special forces personnel to help Uganda combat LRA rebels.
- 2012 Aug – Uganda's Stephen Kiprotich win's the Gold Medal in Marathon at the Olympics – Uganda's second Gold medal ever, and third Olympic medal since joining the Olympics.

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PYARALI NANJI



Were it not for former Canadian prime minister Pierre Trudeau airlifting thousands of South Asians out of Uganda in the Expulsion of 1972 Pyarali and Gulshan Nanji and their four children would likely never have settled in Canada. Since arriving in Canada the Ismaili couple has given generous donations to hospitals in Montreal, where they first settled, and in Toronto.

In 2010 North York General Hospital officially reopened its renovated Medical Imaging Centre, largely funded by the Nanjis who are among the largest private donors in the hospital's history. In appreciation the hospital has named a section of the facility - which treats more than 200,000 patients annually - the Gulshan and Pyarali G. Nanji Ultrasound, CT and Radiography Centre. A previous donation by the Nanjis made

possible the opening of the Gulshan and Pyarali G. Nanji Orthopaedic and Plastics Centre in 2006 and they have also contributed to adolescent mental health treatment at the hospital.

The Nanjis have also previously contributed to Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, and in recognition of their generosity the first floor of the M-Wing was being renamed the Pyarali and Gulshan Nanji Ambulatory Centre.

St. Mary's Hospital in Montreal was the first benefactor of the Nanjis' generosity. Giving back to Canada was something he vowed he would do once the family was settled in Montreal. Back in 1972, "I said, if ever, ever I am successful in this country . . . what the Canadian government has done was unbelievable. They give my children shelter, food, education. And the best part is security."

From a modest start with buying some real estate in Montreal to today as president and CEO of Markham-based Belle-Pak Packaging Inc. (called one of Canada's 50 best-managed companies), Nanji, together with his wife, has achieved the business success that has made their philanthropy possible.

He chooses to give to hospitals for a reason: "Hospitals I admire because . . . there's no religion, no discrimination. There is no rich or poor. If I am sick, I have to stay in queue and wait until it's my turn. "This is an area where everybody is treated the same . . . I see government alone cannot do everything" when it comes to hospitals, says Nanji. "It's our duty as citizens to be a part of it."

Extracts from an article published in the Toronto Star on November 26, 2010

DR. OPIYO OLOYA



Opiyo Oloya attended Makerere University from 1979 to 1981 as a political science student. This was a pivotal time in Uganda's history. 1979 saw the exile of Idi Amin and the return to power of Obote. Ugandans had hoped that this would be the end of dictatorship but this was not to be. Opiyo Oloya was elected as the President of the Makerere University Students' Guild. Oloya's presidency was overruled by a veritable "coup" in 1981. He subsequently fled to Kenya from where he applied for refugee status in Canada. He states that among his many reasons for fleeing Uganda was a fear that the Obote government was trying to promote ethnic divisions in the country, something which Oloya deeply opposed having been raised by a father who, he states, "never saw Baganda or Acholi". While in Canada, he continued his studies at Queen's University, graduating with a political science degree in 1986. He went on to attain his Master's of Education at the University of Ottawa, and a PhD from York University.

Oloya stumbled upon teaching as a career unintentionally. Oloya went on to become the principal of Divine Mercy Catholic School, an elementary school in Vaughn, Ontario. He is currently Superintendent of Education with York Catholic District School Board.

He also writes a weekly column for New Vision, one of Uganda's national newspapers, is the founder of International Resources for Deaf and Blind Children as well as the Acholi Diaspora Association of Toronto. He started Karibuni, an African music show on CIUT 89.5 FM.

Opiyo Oloya is both a committed Ugandan journalist and dedicated Canadian educator. One need not give up one identity in order to properly fulfill the other.

On June 15, 2012 Oloya received an honorary Doctor of Laws from York University's Faculty of Education and addressed the graduating students.

Extract from woyingi.wordpress.com. Picture from google.ca

TOM FRANCIS



Tom Francis studied at Kitante High School, and his Bachelors in Agriculture from Makerere University. He came to Canada in 1972 during the days of the Expulsion of Asians from Uganda. Not one to rest on his laurels, Tom enrolled in the University of Guelph, obtaining his Ph.D in Genetics and Plant Breeding.

Dr. Francis began his career with Agriculture Canada as a Research Scientist after his studies. He joined Northrup King in 1980 as Research Director and held various roles within that company including General Manager for Canada and Vice President of Research for the U.S. With the formation of Novartis, later Syngenta, Dr. Francis had various roles of increasing responsibility including Global Head of Product Evaluation and Assessment.

Dr. Francis has been an active member of the Canadian and American seed industry and served as President for CSTA and Vice President for ASTA. Though retired from Syngenta, he continues to consult to the industry and maintains a special interest in attracting and developing new talent within the seed industry.

RAMESH CHOTAI



Mr Ramesh Chotai is the President of Bromed Pharmaceuticals. Born in Northern Uganda, Ramesh pursued his education in Britain. Completing his training as a Pharmacist in the UK and Switzerland he joined ICI Pharmaceuticals in Kampala, Uganda. He came to Canada in 1972. Starting as a Pharmacist/Manager at an Oshawa Pharmacy, he has built a very successful group of companies that manufacture and distribute medical and health care products around the world. His company, Bromed Pharmaceuticals Inc. is one of the largest Canadian importers of pharmaceutical raw materials from India. Community builder and a philanthropist, he is the past President of the Hindu Mandir and Cultural Centre. Ramesh is the Vice-Chairman of Canadian Museum of Hindu Civilization and was Diwali co-chairperson of Trillium Health Centre for the year 2007. He received the ICC's 2004 President's Award.

Source: <http://www.canadaindia.org/executives/713-ramesh-chotai>

DR. MUNIINI K. MULERA



Dr. Mulera, a native of Uganda graduated from Makerere University, Kampala, with a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery in 1977. Forced to escape from Uganda in 1977, Dr. Mulera became a refugee in Kenya before taking up employment as an intern and then a medical officer in Maseru, Lesotho.

In 1980, Dr. Mulera joined the Department of Physiology at Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland as a demonstrator in physiology and research-trainee. He arrived in Canada in 1981 to start his residency in Paediatrics at the University of Calgary.

It was the beginning of a career that would see him become Chief Resident in Paediatrics at the Alberta Children's Hospital, a Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada, a Diplomate of the American Board of Paediatrics, a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada, a Fellow of the American Academy of Paediatrics, Senior Fellow in Neonatology at the Hospital for Sick Children, an attending Staff Neonatologist at the same institution and Assistant Professor of Paediatrics at the University of Toronto.

From 1993 to 1999, Dr. Mulera was Medical Director of Neonatology at the Royal Victoria Hospital of Barrie, where he also served as Chief of Paediatrics. Since 1999, he held the same positions at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket, Ontario. He has also run a private practice as a consultant paediatrician for 20 years.

Besides medicine, Dr. Mulera has devoted his life to community service and pan-African networking. He was a Member of the Board of Directors of the Ugandan North American Association (UNAA 1999-2001); a founder member and former Board Member of the Uganda North American Medical Society (UNAMS); a founder member of the International Community of Banyakigezi (ICOB), of which he was Vice-President from 2004 to 2010.

Dr. Mulera was the Chairperson of the Constitution Review Committee of the Uganda Martyrs Church of Canada (2011) and was recently elected a member of the Council of the Uganda Martyrs United Church of Canada.

Dr. Mulera writes a weekly column (Letter to a Kampala Friend) which is published in the Daily Monitor, an independent Ugandan newspaper. He has been the recipient of several honours, the most recent being the Ugandan Diaspora Award that was presented to him in Kampala in December 2011.

Dr. Mulera and his wife dream of a happy semi-retirement on the shores of beautiful Lake Bunyonyi in Kigezi, where he hopes to learn to play the traditional harp of the Bakiga.

Mostly extract from www.ugandandiaspora.com

LALJI BROTHERS

Based in Vancouver, BC, the Larco Group of Companies was started by brothers Aminmohammed, Mansoor, and Shiraz. Larco specializes in retail properties, hotels, hotel management, and storage facilities. With an estimated fortune of \$1.62 billion, the Lalji family ranks 29th on the Canadian Business Magazine's Rich 100 List for 2009-2009, making them Canada's fourth-richest real estate entrepreneurs.

The Lalji family immigrated to Canada in the 1970s, after being driven out of Uganda by dictator Idi Amin. Their successes in the past thirty years have firmly established the Lalji family as one of Canada's foremost real estate billionaire families. Today, the family firm owns nine federal government buildings, including the Revenue Canada head office and RCMP headquarters.

Extracts from <http://real-estate-entrepreneur.com>

MOHAMAD PUNJANI

He's a slightly built, soft-spoken, reclusive man of humble beginnings, who recently moved into a house of Elysium on The Bridle Path. That's Mohamad Punjani, 75, who was born on the Pakistan-Indian border, emigrated at a young age to Uganda where he built an automotive parts empire - until the rise of the chaotic, bloodbath rule of Idi Amin. His is a story of perseverance, having amassed a fortune early in his life, losing most of it to a dictator, then building a new one. Now, he has added another jewel to his collection of mansions around the world -- a \$9.8-million showpiece in one of Toronto's richest neighbourhoods, and one of the most expensive residential properties built from scratch in Toronto's history.

In North America, Tanzania and other parts of the world, while Amin was in power, Mr. Punjani built an empire that included the Dollar-Rent-A-Car chain, which he sold in 1995. He has been based in Toronto for close to 10 years and has invested heavily in real estate.

The Punjanis' house resembles a Roman Coliseum on the outside with a beige French Château architectural influence. Inside the 23,000-square-foot house are 18 bedrooms, 15 bathrooms, complete with steam baths in each one and eight Jacuzzis. Many of the rooms have mahogany imported from Brazil while the hardwood floors throughout the house are ultra-hard, jatoba-Brazilian-cherry. Plasma, giant-screen televisions and elaborate sound systems have been installed throughout.

"I've built about 220 custom homes in the last 20 years and usually each one is between 5,000 and 7,000 square feet, but this is a different animal," said Hovan Tchaglassian, owner of Hovan Homes.

"In the York Mills, Bayview and Bridle Path areas, there are a lot of highly sophisticated businessmen," Mr. Tchaglassian explained. "These people are very prosperous and very demanding and you have to give them what they want. There's even a waterfall in the backyard. "It's like a Disney World," Mr. Tchaglassian said.

Extract of a story written by Danny Gallagher and published in the Globe & Mail on Sep. 17, 2004 "Builder of fortunes builds a home"

JOHN NORONHA



John Noronha was born in Uganda in 1950 to parents who were 2nd generation East Africans. He attended Aga Khan school (2 years), Norman Godhino (6 years) and Kololo Secondary. He graduated with a BA Post-Grad Diploma in education from Makerere University. He was renowned as the Voice box and upholder of the spirit of Northcote Hall. He taught for 8 weeks at St Edward's secondary school in Bukumi when the expulsion order was made.

Arrived in Montreal in 1972, but later moved to Toronto. He joined Royal Bank of Canada in 1976 and has held several senior positions there before being appointed Vice-President in 2005 and current have responsibility for the Real estate and Construction trades banking in the Greater Toronto.

John is also a community worker and has served in the Toronto Goan Overseas Association in several positions including President. He has served on the Toronto Police services Board advisory committee (1990/91) and works with Gladys on Marriage Preparation for St Patrick's Church. He chaired the first Kololo secondary school reunion -- held in Toronto in 2001. With his great voice John has sung for a number of rock bands as a hobby at various points in his life.

He is married to Gladys and they have two children.

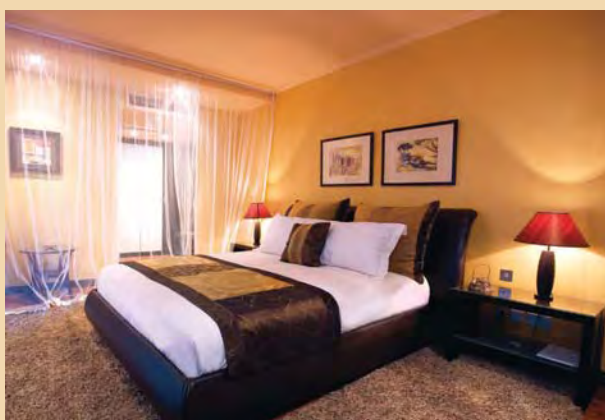
BEATRICE BABIRYE



Ugandan-Canadian filmmaker Beatrice Babirye Basudde fled the brutality of Idi Amin's dictatorship with her family in 1980, and was taken in as a refugee by Canada several years later.

In 2007 she played a starring role at the opening of the Commonwealth summit, during which the Queen welcomed the 53-country gathering. As part of the ceremonies, a dance troupe put on a colourful demonstration of Uganda's history, from its ancient kingdoms, to the arrival of white colonizers and the independence struggle, to civil war and the overthrow of Amin. Babirye produced an accompanying documentary that beamed images from the country's history into the conference hall.

Babirye, who earned a film degree at Ryerson University in Toronto, first drew attention in Uganda thanks



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to a documentary funded by the Canada Council for the Arts. She thanked her adopted country for making Commonwealth summit experience possible. "If I had stayed here (in Uganda), I would not have had the creative ability to do what I did. That is what Canada has done," said Babirye, who has periodically returned to Uganda and worked on film projects here. "I'm a woman and I wasn't able to express myself here. But I went to Canada. And I was able to come back here and tell a story for Ugandans."

Beatrice is a filmmaker, Producer/Writer/Director at Bantu Entertainment Productions. She is also a Producer at Media Plus Uganda Ltd.

Extracts from an article by Alexander Panetta in the St Catharine's Standard, Nov 24, 2007.

SENATOR MOBINA S.B. JAFFER



Born in Uganda, Mobina Jaffer was educated in both England and Canada, earning her LL.B. from London University in England. She has completed the Executive Development Program at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C.

Since 1978, Mobina Jaffer has practiced law at the firm Dohm, Jaffer and Jeraj. She has extensive experience in refugee and immigration law and in-depth familiarity with Canada's immigration rules and procedures.

Made a Queen's Counsel in 1998, Senator Jaffer has a distinguished record of service to the legal profession. She has been, since 1997, the vice-chair of the Canadian membership committee for the Association of Trial Lawyers of America; In 1994-95, Mobina Jaffer served as a member of the Canadian Bar Association Multicultural Committee, from 1995 to 1999 was a member of the Peoples Law School Committee.

Mobina Jaffer is a very active member of the community and a supporter of a vast array of community-based organizations. She currently serves as the immediate past President of the YWCA of Canada; and, a member of the Aga Khan National Conciliation and Arbitration Board.

A member of the board of directors of YWCA of Canada since 1995, Mobina Jaffer was the president between 1999 and 2001. In addition, she has served as: a member of the board of Lions Gate Hospital in North Vancouver from 1995 to 1996; a member of the Canadian Panel on Violence Against Women from 1992 to 1994; Founding President of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women of British Columbia and the Yukon from 1987 to 1990; and a director of the Big Sisters Organization from 1978 to 1980.

Mobina Jaffer served as the Vice-President (English) of the Liberal Party of Canada from 1994 to 1998. Mobina Jaffer represents British Columbia in the Senate of Canada.

Extracts from <http://www.parl.gc.ca/SenatorsMembers/Senate/SenatorsBiography>

VASANTBHAI LAKHANI



For ten days this month a most amazing event took place on the grounds of Southern Range Nyanza textile factory in Uganda. What was happening was Uganda Medical Mission II – a camp to treat patients for free, including free dental, eye glasses, HIV/AIDS, pediatrics and gynecology. Medicine was dispensed on site for free. The spirit behind the mission is an unassuming Ugandan Asian by the name of Vasant Lakhani. At the time of the 1972 expulsion Vasant was working as the manager of the Exide battery factory, with the likes of Mulwana, Henry Kyembe and Eriza Kironde as directors. He had to leave that promising career as his citizenship was revoked.

He ended up in Thunder Bay, Canada, that he had not even seen on the map. His first job was on a construction site in mid-winter. Then after working for five years in a lawyer's firm it was back to the roots. He became the owner of two shops – one dealing with confectionery and the other health foods. On his retirement he started giving back, first during the earthquake in Gujarat and medical camps there and now in Uganda. Last year was the first Uganda Medical Mission. Nearly seven thousand patients were treated during the ten days of the camp. This year the total passed thirteen thousand. "Not one patient was turned back, even if they needed urgent care at a hospital," says Vasant.

The mission was financed by Vasant himself and by contributions from individual Ugandan Asians in Canada and Uganda. Vasant was assisted by six doctors, ten nurses and a score of all-purpose volunteers, who each spent over US\$ 3000 of their own money on air fares and insurance. The management of Southern Range Nyanza (Kishore Jobanputra) provided in-kind donations in the form of the use of their grounds, tents, internal transportation, and accommodation. Why all this? Says Vasant simply, "There are people less lucky than us and we have to give back. What better place to do it than where our roots were - Uganda and Gujarat!"

Vasant's works are channeled through a charity he founded – "The Indo-African Charitable Society".

Extracts of an article written by Vali Jamal Jamal in his forth-coming book: "Uganda Asians: Then and Now, Here and There, We Contributed, We Contribute".

MOSSADIQ UMEDALY



Mossadiq Umedaly believes in the power of electricity. "I was born in Uganda and I know how important electricity is to improving the quality of life," the then chairman of BC Hydro said in an interview. "And I know how it can be done very poorly so that it has a significant environmental negative impact." Mossadiq Umedaly has over 22 years of experience growing cleantech businesses. In late 2009 he was appointed Executive Chairman of Enecsys Ltd., a world leading solar micro inverter company. In 2010 he was also appointed Venture Partner of Wellington Partners, a leading pan-European Venture Capital Fund focused on Cleantech and Digital Media.

From 2007 to 2009, he was the Chairman of BC Hydro and Power Authority, a \$5 billion electric utility. Prior to that, from 1999 to 2008, as Chairman and CEO of Xantrex Technology Inc., he transformed the \$10 million test and measurement Company into a world leader in renewable power markets, took it public and ultimately sold it in 2008 to strategic acquirers, Schneider Electric and Ametek, for \$500 million. Earlier, for nine years as VP and CFO of fuel cell pioneer Ballard Power Systems, he played an instrumental role in securing key strategic partnerships and in developing, financing and positioning the company for growth. During his tenure the value of the company increased from \$10 million to \$6 billion.

Prior to that, for eight years, he held senior positions in the AgaKhan development network. He started his career with PriceWaterhouseCoopers and for five years worked in the firm's Toronto and Rome offices. Umedaly has a B.Com, MBA, FCA, ICD.D and a LL.D (hon).

Some extracts from www.canada.com

JULIA KAVUMA



Julia Kavuma loves the little things in life. She helped her team of designers win first place at the International Mobile Microrobotics Challenge in Shanghai. It's the first Canadian, and the first undergrad team to win this competition.

"I am the marketing lead for UW_NRG, a hybrid undergraduate student design team and research group that designs micro-scale robots for entry in international competitions. We also promote nanotechnology. I am responsible for promoting our cause to the community alongside my awesome teammates," Julia says. Julia divides her time between engineering studies, lectures and labs, and her marketing activities in the group. She needs to be innovative. "Creativity is important for coming up with ideas and content that are relevant and interesting to an audience who may or may not have a technical background and who may or may not be interested in what we have to say," Julia says. "Playing with robots that are invisible to the

human eye is amusing. Building, programming and competing with robots of our own design in international competitions against graduate students is really motivating. Doing all this and coming in first place - that's where the real fun begins," she says.

In high school, Julia knew she wanted to pursue engineering. She was accepted into the Nanotechnology Engineering program at the University of Waterloo, where she is now a student.

Extracts from <http://careermash.ca/careers/real-people/julia-kavuma>

DR. VINCE X. DESA



Dr. Desa was born in Nakuru, Kenya. He attended medical school at Makerere University in Uganda and interned at Kenyatta National Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya. He did his specialty training in Pediatrics at McMaster University and at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. He is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics.

For the last 35 years he has practiced consulting Pediatrics in the local hospitals and in his office in Thunder Bay. He is recognised for his excellence in patient care and dedication to the health of children in North Western Ontario. He has always incorporated learners in his practice. Hospital appointments held in the past include Chief of Pediatrics, President of Medical Staff, Director of Perinatology, Medical Director of NICU and Perinatal outreach.

His academic appointments include: Assistant Professor, Section of Child and Adolescent Health Northern Ontario School of Medicine; Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Pediatrics at McMaster University; Adjunct Professor, Department of Pediatrics University of Western Ontario; Lecturer, Department of Family Medicine at Queen's University.

He has worked on numerous boards and committees on health issues provincially. He has received several awards for his excellence in clinical practice and for his teaching of medical students and residents including the prestigious PAIRO excellence in Clinical teaching award.

His hobbies include fishing, hunting, golf, curling and gardening. He is deeply involved in the lives of his 4 children and 2 grand children. He lives in Thunder Bay with his wife Freida who was born in Jinja, Uganda.

GRACE-EDWARD GALABUZI



Grace-Edward Galabuzi is Associate Professor in the Department of Politics and Public Administration, and a member of the Yeates School of Graduate Studies, at Ryerson University. He is also a research associate at the Centre for Social Justice in Toronto. In addition to a Ph.D (Political Science) from York University, he also holds a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Economics from the University of Winnipeg, a BA (Honours) in Political Science from York University, and Master of Arts (MA) in Political Science from York University.

Grace-Edward's appointment began in 2003 and his current teaching areas include equity and human rights and third world politics. He has previously taught at York University (International Relations) and George Brown College (Anti-Racism; Multiculturalism; and Local Politics).

In addition to his academic career, Dr. Galabuzi has also worked in the Ontario government as a senior policy analyst on justice issues, and he is a former provincial coordinator of the Ontario Alliance for Employment Equity. He also served as personal assistant to former Ontario Premier Bob Rae. He is the author of the book: "Canada's Economic Apartheid".

Extracts from <http://www.ryerson.ca>

DR. BERNARD J. FERNANDES



Dr. Bernard Fernandes is an internationally renowned expert in Pathobiology and Hematology. His CV reads like a book. Dr. Fernandes obtained his M.B., Ch.B. and Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery from Makerere University Medical School, Kampala, Uganda in 1972.

He immigrated to Canada and in 1979 he obtained his FRCPC in Pathology and an FRCPC in Hematology, being the first person in Canada to get such a double qualification. In 1981 he got a Diploma of American Board of Pathologists, Anatomical Pathology. In 1984 FRCPath (UK), in 1985 FRCPA Australia

At the moment he holds the position of Program Director, Transfusion Medicine; Associate Member, Graduate Faculty, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology; Program Director, Hematological Pathology; Head, Sub-Division of Hematopathology; Associate Professor, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology, Professor, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology; - all with the University of Toronto.

AND he is the Head, Hematopathology and Blood Transfusion Service, Mount Sinai Hospital

He has received awards and honours that are too numerous to mention since his days at Makerere University, the latest being:

- Chair, Laboratory Section, Ontario Medical Association, 2002-2004.
- Chair, Ontario Medical Association, Workload Expert Group, 2004-2006.
- Voting Member, Technical Committee Z252, Medical Laboratory Quality Systems, Canadian Standards Association, 2005-Present.

He has published over 90 papers and chapters of books, over 100 special lectures around the world, and over 40 invited lectures around the world. Phew!

WAYNE FERNANDES



Wayne Fernandes was born in Toronto, the son of Edwin Fernandes of Tanzania and Shirley Fernandes (nee Dias) of Uganda. His passion is Field Hockey, a sport he was influenced by both his parents. Indeed the whole family including his two sisters play or have played competitive Field Hockey.

His first international cap was in 1996 against Pakistan. Until his recent retirement from competitive hockey he played for Toronto Goan Overseas Association Reds team and RS Tennis in Spain.

He attended Philip Pocock Catholic Secondary School in Mississauga, and studies Economics at York University.

Wayne has been represented Canada over 200 times since 1999. The highlights of his sporting career was being a two time Pan Am Games medallist (2007 gold, 2003 silver) and scoring the winning goal in overtime against Argentina. This victory earned Canada an automatic berth to the 2008 Olympics Games and erased 7 years of disappointment for the Canadian Men's Field hockey team. He then represented Canada at the 2008 Olympics.

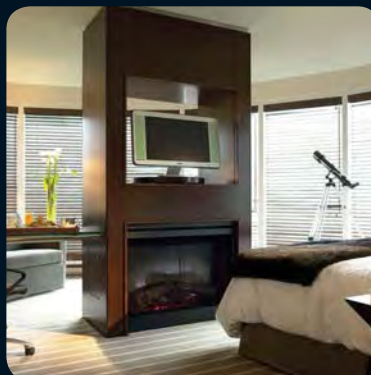
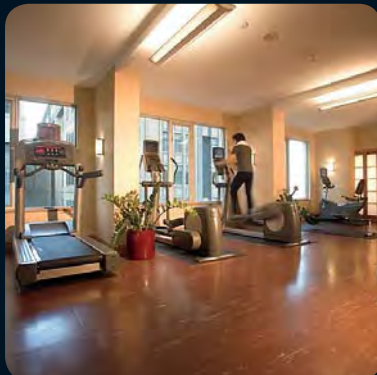


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DAVID KIBUUKA – ARTIST EXTRAORDINAIRE



Born in Uganda, Kibuuka was a blossoming prodigy who began selling his painting to international collectors through local galleries at age 11. Protege to his brilliant late mentor and older brother Henry Lutalo Lumu, the artist shared a passion for the work of European art masters. From Henry, Kibuuka learned a deep respect for the achievements of realists such as Rembrandt, da Vinci, Rafael, and Michelangelo. This early passion found Kibuuka creating works such as 'The Royal Guardian' - featured on the cover of Kibuuka's Year 2000 Art Calendar. In this work, exquisite anatomical details capture the regal stature of a Maasai warrior. Spending six years in Kenya, Kibuuka made this legendary tribe a favorite subject for his early work executed in High Renaissance-styled realism.



Now in Toronto, David continued this use of figurative impressionism, in 'Baganda Dancers' human forms blend effortlessly with brave splashed of color to create unforgettable visual vibrations. Composed of mixed media and created with Kibuuka's unique fragmentation technique, the dancers spring to life with a radiant energy.

Kibuuka hopes to provide inspiration for generations of emerging talent. "There are a number of African modernists who have emigrated to North America to develop their careers outside Africa," he says. "As we move into the 21st century, we are likely to see the expansion and maturation of the modern African movement in North America."

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OSCAR FURTADO

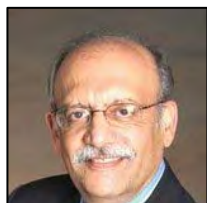


Oscar Furtado grew up in Entebbe and at a young age was affected by the Asian Expulsion together with his parents and siblings. His family arrived in Toronto in the mid-1970s with little material assets. Oscar was confident that if he put his mind to achieving something big, he could make it happen. He obtained his Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Toronto and in 3 years became a Chartered Accountant.

Oscar Furtado is an innovative and talented Executive with twenty three years experience with financial institutions and public accounting in senior roles, rising to the position of Vice-President, Special Projects, Internal Audit Services, at the RBC.

Besides his professional life, Oscar has dedicated a lot of time on cultural matters through the Goan Overseas Association (GOA), in which he served in many capacities and finally as the longest serving President spanning 12 consecutive years. The GOA Toronto, is the largest Goan Association in North America has made very significant contributions in various social, sports, cultural and charitable areas in Canada.

TAZDIN ESMAIL



Tazdin Esmail is the Chairman of Koral Pharma Inc. He is also the co-founder, director and past President and Chief Executive Officer of Protox Therapeutics Inc., a company that is developing targeted proteins for the treatment of cancer (now acquired). He was the Founder, and former Chairman of the Board, Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer of Forbes Medi-Tech Inc., now revenue producing, diversified Healthcare Company listed on the TSX and NASDAQ (now acquired). He is a former Vice President of Product Development & Operations of QLT Inc., now a substantial Healthcare company listed on TSX/NASDAQ. Mr. Esmail is also a founding director of Aspreva pharmaceuticals, a pharmaceutical company now listed on TSX and NASDAQ, which raised the largest IPO in the history of the industry in

Canada (now acquired)

Before moving to the biotechnology industry, he was Executive Director of pharmaceutical operations for one of the largest multinational pharmaceutical company, American Cyanamid (now Pfizer), where he managed the company's combined Healthcare (oncology and hospital products) Divisions. Management experience and accomplishments at Pfizer also include successful development, management and marketing of products in many therapeutic areas. The progressive positions he held at Pfizer were: Sales Manager; Product Manager, Manager Professional Services (which included Executive Training, Professional, Institutional, Government inter-action and Public Relations); Product Group Director (including manufacturing); Executive Director.

Mr. Esmail was named The Entrepreneur of the Year, Finalist Pacific Canada in 1999. He has raised substantial capital for his companies through private placements, public offerings and strategic alliances, and has extensive experience in guiding and growing companies from the concept and start-up stages to revenue generating corporations, and getting them listed on senior exchanges such as TSX and Nasdaq.



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NANCY DIGREGORIO (NEE AGARD)



Nancy DiGregorio retired as Superintendent of Education with the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board on August 31st after 30 years of exemplary service to Catholic education. She began her career in 1980 and since then, has held a variety of positions, including English teacher, Department Head, Secondary Vice-Principal, Secondary Principal, and for the last eight years, Superintendent of Education.

Nancy sits on the Board of Directors for the Good Shepherd, Hamilton Community Foundation. She has served on the Hamilton Police Service Board where she now holds the position of Chair. Nancy has been recognized by numerous local and provincial groups for her outstanding work in education. These include the Learning Partnership's Canadian Educator of the Year Award, the John C. Hollard Award, the YWCA Women of Distinction Award, and the Vision 20/20 Award.

Nancy established the system-wide "Walk With Christ: Justice for the Poor" pilgrimage which annually raises close to \$100,000 for Third World charities, she expanded the board's Diversity Conference and introduced thousands of students to the Leaders Today program and the social justice work of Craig Kielburger, and over the years she has inspired Catholic school students to raise money for – and in the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake – to rebuild the St. Joseph's Home for Boys in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Nancy grew up in Uganda, and graduated from Makerere University. She represented the Uganda National team in Field Hockey and Track.

Extracts from Monday, September 20, 2010 - Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board plus additions.

MARIAM LUYOMBO



Mariam Luyombo has more than ten years experience in academic and business leadership, curriculum development, and training in education and entrepreneurship. She founded and directed four private schools in Uganda. She won multiple prestigious awards in education innovation. Luyombo has also done consultancy work and is a member of several boards and associations. She has presented papers at international, regional, and national conferences. She has a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in education from Makerere University, Kampala.

Mariam recollects a very warm welcome when she and her family migrated to Canada in 2006. It was her family's first experience in the middle of winter when she began a new chapter in her life, she settled in Toronto. Mariam quickly enrolled her children in school and found work at a local non profit organization. Just about six months after her arrival, Mariam recalled that "everything had gradually fallen into place and I began to feel at home". One thing was missing though – "the food that I was accustomed to". This longing for African food was the beginning of Mariam's business pursuits. In 2008, Mariam attended CAABWA's Import and Export training sessions held in the Peel region. Mariam combined the information gained there with her own expertise to launch her business later that year. She named her business Chakula Tamu, a Swahili phrase meaning very delicious food. Mariam's thriving business imports and retails East African food specialties meeting the needs of customers in The Greater Toronto Area. Customers also sometimes come from as far as Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec and the US.

Put together with info from Aspen Institute and CAABWA

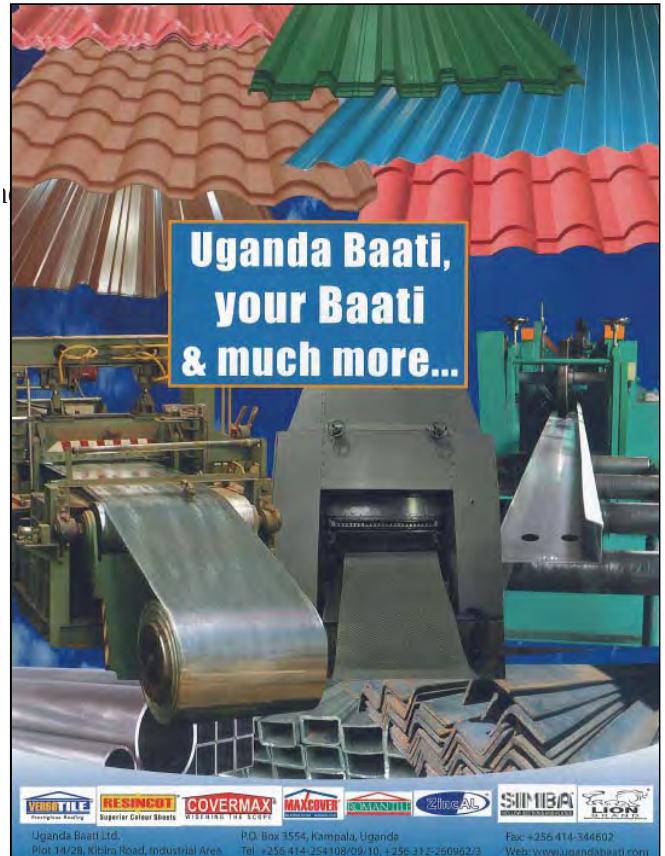
LINO FERNANDEZ



Lino Fernandez grew up in Kampala, and graduated from Makerere University with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. He came to Canada in 1972 and is now lives in Mississauga. He has been accomplished in the field of accounting, being a CGA, a Certified Fraud Examiner and currently Manager in Audit Division of the Canada Revenue Agency. In his profession he was the Inaugural Chair of CGA Peel Chapter, and received the Chapter Distinguished Service Award, Ontario Distinguished Service Award and Life Membership Award.

Lino reserves time to volunteer in the community. He has been President, TWTSO Leaders of Today Toastmasters, and an Area Coordinator for the Kidney Foundation of Canada. He also is the Organist at Merciful Redeemer Parish Catholic Church in Mississauga. Lino is married to Thelma also from Kampala and they have two children.

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TERRY FERNANDES

Terry's roots are in Jinja. He completed Cambridge "A" Levels at Busoga College, Mwiri in 1968 and then left for Canada to study at University of B.C. where he obtained his B.Sc. (Cell Biology) and B.Sc. (Pharmacy) in 1974. He later did his MBA in Strategy & Marketing and another MBA in Information Technology Management.

He opened his first pharmacy in 1977 in Langley, B.C. Moved to Edmonton, Alberta in 1981 and operated a tri-combo (Food, Gasoline and Pharmacy) in Fort McMurray, Alberta from 1984 to 1990. In 1990 he opened a pharmacy in Iqaluit, which is now the capital of Nunavut Territory. This pharmacy has operated for 22 years, serving an area as big as Western Canada, by air.

He bought a 10,000 square foot pharmacy in Canmore, Alberta in 2002, doubled sales in 2 years and sold it to Shoppers Drug Mart in 2006 for a good profit which served as the capital for expansion in Nunavut.

Through his business, he sponsors four scholarships in Pharmacy for residents of Nunavut, 3 for Inuit, one for non-Inuit, as a way of giving back to our community. He delights in the conducting of Medical Missions to Third World countries, as done in Basey, Samar, Philippines. This allows us to sponsor medical personnel to help their own people.

A driven person, Terry believes that living on the edge is fun. Terry is married to Dolly and they have 2 daughters.



Iqaluit Valupharm thanks the people of Iqaluit for their patronage which allowed us to conduct a medical mission in Samar (Philippines). We donated approximately \$10,000 in drugs, and paid for the medical travel of seven doctors, seven nurses, 3 dentists, and 3 pharmacists. The mission was conducted in a 400-year-old church (main photo above). The people of Basey, Samar thank the people of Iqaluit for their tremendous support in light of the fact that life is a daily struggle for these people.

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MAURICE FERNANDEZ



Maurice was born in Jinja, Uganda to Goan parents. He attended Jinja Goan School, and Kololo Senior Secondary, Kampala. He graduated with a B.Sc. in Geology/ Chemistry from University of Nairobi in 1970. He emigrated to Canada in 1972 with Ugandan exodus and his first job was as senior metallurgical technician with Cyprus Anvil Mining Corp. in Faro, Yukon from March 1973. While there he became president of United Steelworkers' union from July 1975 for 3 years, and successfully negotiated 3 contracts; these included interventions from the Yukon premier, and Jean Luc Pepin (Anti-inflation Board chair), and Ed Broadbent, (NDP leader) to minimize union strikes and maintain labor peace. He also became Vice-President of the Yukon labour movement and played a role in the making of labour laws in the territory. He is currently an occupational hygienist (controlling harmful health exposures in the workplace to physical/chemical/biological/radiological contaminants) in mining, petrochemicals, smelters, forestry, federal /provincial governments. He is presently working for Rio Tinto in a diamond mine in the Arctic. He has been active with Knights of Columbus since 1985, and has been Grand Knight of the local Third Degree Council for 2 years. Maurice was married to Thelma (the late) and they have 2 daughters.

JOYCE NSUBUGA



Following the ruthless murder of her husband, Joyce fled to Canada from Uganda in 1984 as a government-sponsored refugee. She began to create a new life for her family in a country without familiar traditions and community support. She completed a Masters Degree in Community Health at the University of Toronto, since her medical degree was not recognized in Canada. She then worked for the Ministry of Health as a consultant for the Environmental and Toxicology Unit. Joyce and her family initiated and facilitated the development of a community liaison agency called the Canada Sub-Sahara Africa Liaising Association. She also assisted in the development of the Uganda Martyrs Church in Toronto, which provides support for people who have lost family members and are isolated. As a health care professional and volunteer, she is involved in supporting the HIV/AIDS community. She also writes and lectures about refugee issues.

Currently, Joyce is assisting young single mothers in Uganda create microenterprises to raise funds for further education. She is also compiling information on Canadian post-secondary distance education opportunities for use by immigrant women.

http://skillsforchange.typepad.com/npa_community/2010/12/1994-joyce-nsubuga.html

Joyce passed away on May 5, 2006.

ACHIEVERS IN BRIEF

Corporal Shirley De Souza is in the Canadian Forces and served two tours of duty in Afghanistan.

Cedric Vaz, represented Canada in Field Hockey senior team for several years. His highlight was winning the Gold Medal in the Pan American Games of 1987.

Kevin Pereira represented Canada in Field Hockey senior team for between 1982 and 1987. Kevin is the son of Poly Pereira, who was in Uganda's Field Hockey squad in the 1972 Olympics.

John De Souza represented Canada in Field Hockey senior team in the 1992 Pan Am Games.

Shaun De Souza and **Carton Mathias** represented Canada in in Field Hockey for the Junior World Cup (1985) and Junior Pan Am Games (1985).

Novarro De Quadros represented Manitoba in Field Hockey for the Inter-provincial Games.

Arthur Simeon Omaset is a well-known comedian in the Toronto scene.

Emily Carasco formerly of Kampala is a professor of law at the University of Windsor.

Vince Machado is a professor emeritus at the Department of Plant Agriculture at the University of Guelph.

Zulema De Souza was a dynamic President of the Toronto Goan Overseas Association. In her youth she represented Uganda in Field Hockey.

David Nazareth of Pickering achieved a F.I.H. Crown (Grade 1) rating as a Field Hockey umpire and made it on the World Cup and Olympic list. He was also President of the Toronto Goan Overseas Association.

Errol Francis was President of Canadian Holidays and World Of Vacations

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Many of the stories of Ugandans who have excelled in Canada have come to me through Vali Jamal and are often extracts from his forth-coming book: "Uganda Asians: Then and Now, Here and There, We Contributed, We Contribute". Of his book, HE President Museveni has said: "The book is a national asset in Uganda's Golden Jubilee year". Asanti Vali.

Many of the stories on authors have come from the web, especially Wikipedia. We were able to check such stories for veracity. We are very grateful for Wikipedia.

Thanks to a number of people who sent me stories. I am particularly grateful to Annie Kakooza for finding me some important stories, and to Paul Nazareth and Rachel Nazareth for helping me with research.

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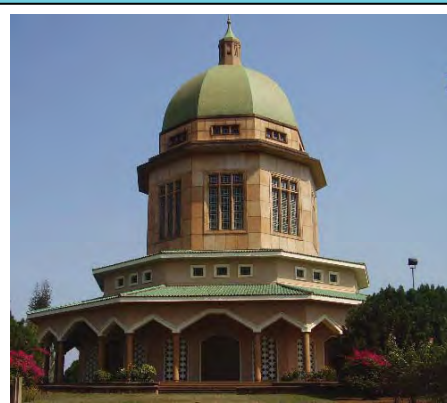
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HISTORY



A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF THE LATE HAMU MUKASA

Mukasa was born between 1869 and 1871. He was the second son of Zachary Kiwanuka Makabugo Ntambi Ssensalire who was one of King Mwanga II's Chiefs. Hamu was taken to the Kings Palace as a Page Boy. He one day bumped into an Englishman who asked him whether he knew how to read and write and Hamu replied to him that he never learnt but he was being taught Swahili and Arabic in order to read the Koran. This white missionary called Rosco then took Hamu to Alexander Mackay at Natete who taught him how to read and write in English.

Hamu Mukasa was one of the Page Boys who were persecuted by King Mwanga II. Fortunately, when Mwanga's murdering squad came to pick him up to be taken to Namugongo, Hamu Mukasa had gone to Bulemezi County. Hamu Mukasa's father promised Mwanga's soldiers that when he comes back from Bulemezi he would take him to King Mwanga II. When they went to King Mwanga II Hamu Mukasa was asked whether he was studying Christianity and he replied that he was studying how to read and write by Alexander Mackay at Natete. King Mwanga could not believe how strong hearted the Christians were because Hamu Mukasa in spite of hearing that all his friends were burnt to death he still believed in Christianity. King Mwanga then forgave him because he was brave enough to report back on his return from Bulemezi and never went into hiding himself. It is believed that at this time Mwanga's killing instinct had gone down and probably he was lamenting about the atrocities he had committed.

Hamu did very well in these two languages Arabic and English and very soon Sir Apolo Kagwa the Katikiro of Buganda made him his Private Secretary. In 1901 The Katikiro of Buganda was invited to go to Britain to attend the Coronation Ceremony of King George the VI in London. So Hamu Mukasa accompanied the Katikiro to U.K. as his Private Secretary. Their stay in U.K. was prolonged because the coronation did not take place as planned due to the illness of the King. The British Government then decided to make a program of the invited guests to stay in U.K. until the King of England recovered from his illness. This overstay in England gave the Katikiro and Hamu Mukasa a big opportunity to visit many places in U.K. including Schools, Industries and many other places of interest. It really exposed them to the British Culture which they adopted.

On their return to Uganda these two people decided to build similar institutions in Uganda as those they saw in U.K. This was the beginning of Gayaza High School for the Girls in 1905 and Kings College Budo for boys in 1906. They started building other Institutions like Churches and Hospitals in different places in the country with the assistance of the Church Missionary Society in U.K. They were very influential in the building of Mengo Hospital, Namirembe Cathedral, Bishop Tucker College Mukono, which is now the Uganda Christian University. They started growing cash crops and encouraged many farmers to grow things like cotton, Rice and Rubber trees and they encouraged many foreign investors like Mehta and Madvani who started Sugar cane growing for the production of sugar.

Hamu Mukasa fought a number of wars in the country and the biggest war he fought was the Christian war against the Moslems whereby Hamu Mukasa was the Leader of the delegation which went to Tanzania to bring back King Mwanga II to the throne because he was sent into exile in Tanzania. As they were arriving at Munyonyo from Tanzania with King Mwanga Hamu was shot in his leg and arm and he nearly died. He survived but remained a lame man until he died in 1956.

Hamu combined a number of disciplines. He was a devoted Christian and among all the Chiefs in Uganda Hamu is known to have been the only Chief who had only one wife and married in Church. His first wife died in 1919 after 25 years of marriage and he married his second wife in the same year and they lived together until he died in 1956. He had 14 Children five boys and nine girls and only two are still alive, namely Ida Jessie Mukasa and George Kasede Mukasa.

Hamu Mukasa was also a very successful businessman. He grew Rice and Rubber Trees in Kyagwe where he was the county Chief of Kyagwe county for 28 years. During his period as the Chief of Kyagwe that county became the richest county in the country with big Sugar Plantations, Tea, Coffee and Rubber. His contribution to the development of Education, Agriculture and Commerce was very great and he is one of the biggest achievers in the fifty years of our Independence as Uganda is still enjoying his fruits.

Another advantage Hamu Mukasa had was that he officially visited U.K. twice. In 1911 he accompanied Sir Daudi Chwa II the Kabaka of Buganda when the Kabaka was officially invited by the British Government. The British Government had a system of inviting Traditional Rulers in their colonies to visit Britain in the hope that they would be exposed to the European civilization. This second visit to U.K. made Hamu Mukasa extremely exceptional among his fellow Chiefs who had never travelled abroad.

PROFESSOR GEORGE WILBERFORCE KAKOMA – THE CREATOR OF UGANDA’S ANTHEM



George Wilberforce was born in 1923 at Mengo Hospital. He lost his mother when he was still very young and the sister of his mother Mrs. Sarah Nabikola Mukasa decided to take him over and look after him at her Home at Nasuti, Mukono. So, he grew up in the late Hamu Mukasa's Home and many people mistook him to be Hamu Mukasa's son.

George went to Kings' College Budo where he excelled in Music. He later went to the East African Conservatoire of Music School in Nairobi, Kenya. In 1947 he went to the Trinity College of Music and Durham University in the United Kingdom. When he came back to Uganda with his degree in Music he found it very difficult to get an employment as during those days Music was not regarded as something important in life. He managed to get a job in the Ministry of

Education and he became the Inspector of Schools in Music throughout Uganda. He later joined the Ministry of Culture and Community Development as a Principal Secretary. He organized many Musical Festivals and he was a member of the Kampala Singers as a soloist in the 1960's.

When Uganda was preparing to get its Independence from Britain, the Government looked for Musicians who could compose a National Anthem for Uganda. About three people were chosen to compose the National Anthem and in the end the Government chose the one composed by George Wilberforce Kakoma as the best among the three compositions. This made George Kakoma very famous not only in Uganda alone but in the World because it is regarded as one of the best National Anthems in the World. It is short and full of meaning and very easy to sing.

Kakoma travelled a lot in different countries and during the reign of terror in Uganda he went to Kenya and taught music in Jomo Kenyatta's University. When sanity returned to Uganda George Kakoma came back to Uganda and taught music Dance and Drama in Makerere University. On August 10th 2011 George Kakoma had a stroke and he never recovered from it until he died on Easter Sunday in 2012. George Kakoma was a very intelligent man, very cool tempered and was liked by a cross-section of people of different age and status. He was given a state funeral by the Government of Uganda as one of the Heroes of Uganda. He left a Widow Maria Theresa with a number of boys and girls.

PIONEERS



This picture is of the pioneers of the cotton and jaggery industries and education system in parts of Busoga. To remember fifty-four years of service to Uganda. Majithia brothers 1918 to 1972.

THE ORIGIN OF THE GOMESI / BUSUUTI



CM GOMES IN 1981

The Gomesi or Busuuti (as the dress is alternatively known) is the defacto national dress of Uganda. It is an elegant and colourful floor-length dress. However, up to now anyone who peruses through the web for the origins of the dress would be unclear as to when it was designed - dates vary between 1905 and the 1940s - and who exactly designed it other than it was a man called Gomes. When Ella and John Gomes asked me to write an article about the Gomesi and the part played by their father, Caetano Milagres Gomes (CM), I thought that it was all quite straightforward. Instead, it turned out to be a detective story and the process of finding out turned out to be quite exciting. So

come and journey with me.



When was it designed and by whom?

The story starts out with the birth of Gayaza High School¹ in 1905 and Miss Alfreda Allen, the Headmistress asking a tailor, Mr. Gomes to design a uniform for her girls.

Reading through an article based on an interview with CM Gomes², he appeared to be unclear about whether it was he or his elder brother Anton Gloria Gomes (AG), both of whom were working together, who designed the dress. CM recalled that it was his elder brother AG who talked to Miss Allen as AG was already stitching uniforms for Gayaza when CM first came to Kampala to join his brother in 1908. But in that same interview his memory gave indirect clues as to when and how the dress came to be.

So the earliest that the Gomesi could have been designed was in 1905 as that was when Gayaza High School opened. However, Gayaza first used the “suuka”³ made of bark-cloth as a school dress in 1905. Furthermore AG Gomes first came to Uganda from Goa India in 1905 as well, and would have just started his tailoring business, so it is unlikely that it was designed then. Sometime between 1905 and 1908 Ms Allen approached AG Gomes to make a “suuka” of cotton as it was more durable. The next phase came to resolve the problem of the “suuka” unraveling when the students were doing manual work, so Miss Allen sought a better design to preserve the modesty of the pupils⁵. AG did that by adding a yoke to the design⁶.

In the interview⁷ with CM Gomes, he recalled clearly that the Gomesi did not become popular with the masses until the wife of Kabaka Daudi Chwa II wore it for the Kabaka's coronation – and it was he that had stitched her dress. That the Kabaka's future wife, Irene Drusilla Namaganda, came to Gomes to stitch her dress was not as surprising as it may seem at first. According to Cox et al “... and when the Kabaka was looking for a wife, it was to Gayaza that he came ...”⁸ As a former student of Gayaza, Miss Namaganda would have known the Gomes brothers well.

The Gomesi has some aspects of Victorian/Edwardian dresses (those puffed sleeves) and some aspects of the sari that Gomes was familiar with from his homeland – Goa, India. A sash was also added around the waist to accentuate the feminine figure. The embellishment of the original school uniform would only make sense - if the Kabaka's queen was going to use it, CM wanted something special.

Kabaka Chwa's coronation took place in 1914 and hence it is this year that should be honoured as the birth-year of the Gomesi.

So the design of the dress came about because history brought together the Gomes brothers, Miss Allen and Miss Namaganda – and CM Gomes had the honour of stitching that first dress. It is possible that the design evolved further after 1914.

The Gomes Brothers and Their Descendants

A short history of the Gomes' Tailors shop - AG Gomes came to Uganda in 1905 and started a tailoring business in the corner of a store in the district of Mengo. In 1908, after CM Gomes joined his brother, a store was opened under the sign-board “A.G. Gomes & Brother”. AG Gomes died in 1928, leaving the business and his three children in the care of his brother CM Gomes. AG's wife also died suddenly, three months after her husband. Gayaza's uniforms were all stitched at the store for many years. In 1918, the store moved to Kampala Road opposite the

¹ Gayaza High School was formed as a boarding school for girls by Anglican lay missionaries.

² A short interview by the Uganda Argus with Mr. CM Gomes in December 1967.

³ “Gayaza High School – The First Ninety Years” – Edited by Joan Cox, Brenda Richards and Sheelagh Warren.

⁴ Also, interesting letter by Mr. S. J. Luyimbazi-Zake's letter to Uganda Argus in December 1967.

⁵ Ibid Footnote 3.

⁶ According to Ella Gomes, this is what her father told her.

⁷ Ibid Footnote ii plus recollections from Ella and John Gomes.

⁸ Ibid Footnote 3.



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Uganda Herald office. The final location was on Kampala Road opposite the Kampala Institute. After two robberies at the store, the business closed down in the late 1960's.

In 1972 during the Expulsion of Asians from Uganda, CM Gomes and his children Marcella and Mathew (now deceased), Roger and Ella (and later his son John) moved to Toronto, Canada to join his daughter Julie who had married John D'Sa and moved there a few years earlier. CM's wife Anna had died in Kampala in 1955. CM Gomes died in Toronto in 1981. Besides his six children, he had six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, all of whom live in Canada.

AG Gomes and his wife Felecidade had 3 children Joseph, Placido and Antoinette – all of whom have passed away. He has nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren that live across the United Kingdom, Kenya and the USA.

The Gomes family members were very proud and honoured at hearing that a postage stamp had been issued in Uganda in December 2007 to celebrate the "Gomesi".

Extract of an article first published by John Nazareth in the Uganda newspaper "New Visions" on 25 April 2010. Link:

<http://www.sundayvision.co.ug/detail.php?mainNewsCategoryId=7&newsCategoryId=651&newsId=717398>

It is also to be published in Vali Jamal's forth-coming book: "Uganda Asians: Then and Now, Here and There, We Contributed, We Contribute".

REMEMBERING THE EXPULSION OF ASIANS IN 1972

In August 1972 my friends and I had just returned from a driving holiday in neighbouring Kenya. Cynthia, my girlfriend (and future wife) had a few days earlier left on a holiday to the UK. We were still in a holiday spirit returning from Jinja from a birthday party in Jinja when we caught a snippet on the radio "President Amin has a dream ... Asians are to be expelled from Uganda". We don't think much of it - must be some joke. But as the days passed it slowly sank in.

I was working for the Ministry of Finance and Planning as a Statistician. At a young age I was in charge of collecting and publishing Uganda's trade statistics, preparing background to the national Annual Budget; it was a great job and times were good. I was contributing to my country in a way I did not think possible. I was a first class citizen with no complaints.

Socially, life was also good. I was the Sports Secretary and Hockey Captain of the Entebbe [formerly "Goan"] Institute. Everything centred around the Club. We were still primarily involved with Goans, but Uganda was integrating. I had studied at an African high school (St Mary's College) run by Canadian missionaries, and attended Makerere University there with African colleagues. Africans members constituted 30% of the Entebbe Institute - primarily Civil Servants as Entebbe was the centre of the government. In addition to Goans, we had every kind of members: every tribe of Uganda (Baganda, Basoga, Luo, etc), all types of other Indians (Ismailis, Boras, Gujaratis, Sikhs, etc.), and others (British, Israelis, ...) Friendship was quickly becoming raceless. Indeed, the newly elected President of the club, Dr Peter Tukei, would have been elected regardless of the Expulsion; he was a very popular person and had previously been Vice-President.

Life during the Expulsion turned upside down. Times were tough; but we found joy in small things - we truly lived like there was no tomorrow. As most of my family members were Uganda citizens, we thought we would be staying. My mother, my aunt and many other, however, would be leaving. (My mum and dad had always thought that they were "too old" to be taking on a new citizenship, not fully realizing then the implications.) And for citizens, we still had to go through the process of verifying our citizenship. The Uganda government used every technicality to take away our citizenship.

I remember queuing outside the Immigration department, sleeping on the streets for 36 hours with my two brothers and sister, brother-in-law, and thousands of other Asians. My brother Peter was subdued. His Renunciation of British Citizenship had been mishandled by the Uganda government several years ago as he had been one of the first to become Ugandan. He expected trouble, and was right; his citizenship was withdrawn. My sister Ruth lost her citizenship on some pretext. I almost lost mine because I only had a photocopy of my citizenship, and the officer almost tore it up. I pleaded for time to find the original, noticing from the corner of my eye an old classmate from St. Mary's College as immigration officer two booths down. I rushed over to him: "Hey Katabula, are you there". "Hey Nazareth, throw it over." Stamp! Stamp! My brother David and I were verified.

Peter was subsequently exempted from the Expulsion as he held a senior government post, also in the Ministry of Finance. Ruth could stay as her husband Cyril had his citizenship verified, but she had to resign from her job. Given that I had thrown in my lot with Uganda, this was a heartbreak.

And so it went with everyone. And the deadline approached.

If it were not so serious the Expulsion could be funny. President Amin would one day be expelling more and more categories of people, and the next day his ministers would be exempting more and more subcategories, being

horrified at the loss to the country. One day it was British Asians, another day all Asians - citizens included. Several Ugandans implored President Amin not to expel citizens. President Nyerere of Tanzania offered to take in any Ugandan citizen who was expelled. President Amin relented and we were allowed to stay.

Then in September 1972 the UN came to take stateless people, and Canada to take anybody (ie regardless of citizenship) who wanted to leave and who qualified. All of a sudden there was a new game in town. Everybody was going to leave now. Well almost everybody. My family stubbornly decided to stay put.

Meanwhile my Permanent Secretary I.K. Kabanda called me to his office and said "John, I want you to know that not all Africans hate you. We hope and pray that this will soon be all over so that you can lead a normal life. You can come in to work when you wish, and leave when you wish." I will never forget his graciousness (and made it a point to seek him out when I returned to Uganda 21 years later).

Young as I was (25 years) I ended up being the Club volunteer barman, together with Claude De Souza. The bar - the centre of stories. Chris Ssengendo was there one night with his cousin visiting from Kampala. His cousin's eyes were red. I inquire with Chris. "Don't ask. He works at the dreaded Makindye Prison. He had orders to spend all of last night executing [political] prisoners with a hammer to the head." We Asians were being expelled, but African Ugandans were being slaughtered.

Past the Deadline, a strange calm has descended. There are still around 5000 Asians left in Uganda who have been exempted or have decided to stay. The Africans have a quiet admiration for those who stay behind in spite of all the harassment. But now is when the killing of African Ugandans starts in earnest. One gets used to seeing bodies by the roadside every day. A friend, Godfrey Kiggala is killed because President Amin likes his girlfriend.

In early 1973 my brother Peter left to take up a Fellowship at Yale; my brother David realized he couldn't live without his girlfriend Lydia and impulsively left to marry her in Canada; sister Ruth left to join my mother (now in London) ahead of Cyril. In September 1973 I left Uganda, taking a two-years of Leave of Absence to do postgraduate studies - hoping that while I was away, Amin would be overthrown. I went through Goa, getting married to Cynthia at St. Jerome's Church in Mapusa. We then proceeded to the UK where I studied for a year at the London School of Economics and obtained a Post-graduate Diploma in Statistics and then did my Masters in Mathematical Statistics from the University of Toronto.

It is now later in 1975 and as my studies at the U of T are at an end I realize that President Amin is there to stay. With a heavy heart I finally send in my letter of resignation to the Ministry of Finance, thanking them for giving me an opportunity to serve my country. A tear rolled down my cheek.

Written by John H. Nazareth in Toronto, 1994.

To be published in Val Jamal's forth-coming book: "Uganda Asians: Then and Now, Here and There, We Contributed, We Contribute".

THE HISTORY OF THE UGANDA MARTYRS CHURCH OF CANADA



A small community of Ugandans was beginning to emerge in the GTA around the mid-1980s. Being so far away from home, they were keen to get to know one another and for opportunities of mutual support. About the same time, a Ugandan-born Anglican clergyman by the name of Alex Kasirye-Musoke arrived in Toronto with his family to pursue a doctoral program at Wycliffe College, Toronto School of Theology. In the meantime, the Anglican bishop of Toronto licensed him to do ministry at St. Nicholas Anglican Church in Scarborough.

In due course, Rev. Alex had a steady pastoral ministry among the small but growing community of Ugandans in this area. Eventually, regular community services would be held once every two or three months celebrating anniversaries, honouring memories and giving thanks for God's blessings in people's lives.

On Sunday October 6th 1991, a service of this kind was held at Wycliffe College to celebrate the 29th anniversary of Uganda's Independence. At least one hundred people gathered that day, some coming as far away as London Ontario. At the end of the service Dr. Kasirye-Musoke conducted a meeting at which the group discussed the plausibility of forming a regular congregation. The name Uganda Martyrs' Church was tentatively accepted and subsequently confirmed. From thereon the community began the difficult task of setting the congregation on its feet.

The history of the Uganda Martyrs Church may be divided into three distinct phases covering roughly the periods 1991 to 98; 1998 to 2005 and 2005 to the present. The period between 1991 and 1998 may be called the golden years of the congregation. The kind of energy, commitment and original thinking coming out of the community



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during this time was quite remarkable. Members not only demonstrated an incredible capacity to apply gifts in transformative ways but the volunteer base was extraordinarily large.

Between 1998 and 2005 the Church entered a period of relative stagnation. There were multiple causes for this development but leadership fatigue and a shift in the structure and needs of the now much larger community of Ugandans in the city were perhaps the most prominent.

The period between 2005 and the present has been a time of renewal and growth in a variety of directions. A key development that enabled this to happen was the successful transition from the founding to a new generation of leaders. By the year 2008 the congregation was fully in the hands of new leadership with greater energy, new ideas and new gifts. Under this new leadership the church has managed to adapt to the changing circumstances of its mission-field; successfully tapping into the needs of both the older and younger generations of families.

May God continue to equip this community with the skills, gifts and the Spirit required to fulfill its mission many years into the future. The church welcomes all to join them in worship and fellowship every Sunday at 4:00 PM. The Church is located at 2799 Weston Road, Toronto, Ontario. Pastor Charles Olango is the leader of the Pastoral ministry and can be reached at (416) 652-9470.

Written by Kawuki Mukasa

CELEBRATING UGANDA'S AUTHORS

Unlike most works in this book, this section covers all Ugandan authors, because by their books, authors live everywhere. Uganda has a tremendous number of authors and these are only a sample. Perhaps then it is not surprising that President of Uganda is also an author – or his memoirs “Sowing The Mustard Seed”. And like many of Uganda’s authors the religious overtones are apparent.

Okello Oculi (born 1942), is a Ugandan novelist, poet, and chronicler of rural African village life. Currently, he is a private political and social consultant based in Abuja, Nigeria. Before that, he served as Professor of Social & Economic Research at Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, Nigeria. He was educated at Soroti College, in Soroti and St. Peter's College Tororo, both in Eastern Uganda. He then attended St. Mary's College Kisubi for his A-Level education. He entered Makerere University, graduating in 1967, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. During his undergraduate studies at Makerere, he spent one year, from 1964 until 1965, as an exchange student at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, USA. In 1968, he obtained the degree of Master of Arts (MA), from the University of Essex, in the United Kingdom. His Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), was obtained in 1972, from the University of Wisconsin, in Madison, Wisconsin, USA.



Okot p'Bitek (b: 1931) was a Ugandan poet, who achieved wide international recognition for Song of Lawino, a long poem dealing with the tribulations of a rural African wife whose husband has taken up urban life and wishes everything to be westernised. Song of Lawino was originally written in Acholi language, and self-translated to English, and published in 1966. It was followed by the pendant Song of Ocol (1970), the husband's reply.



He was educated at Gulu High School, then King's College, Budo, and later at universities in the United Kingdom. He travelled abroad first as a player with the Ugandan national football team, in 1958. At this point he gave up on football as a possible career, staying on in Britain; he studied education at the University of Bristol, and then law at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. He then took a B. Litt. degree in social anthropology at the University of Oxford, with a 1963 dissertation on Acholi and Lango traditional cultures.

He organised an arts festival at Gulu, and then at Kisumu. Subsequently he taught at Makerere University and then was Director of Uganda's National Theatre. He took part in the International Writing Program at the University of Iowa in 1969. He was at the Institute of African Studies of University College, Nairobi from 1971 as a senior research fellow and lecturer, with visiting positions at University of Texas at Austin and University of Ife in Nigeria in 1978/9. He remained in exile during the regime of Idi Amin, returning in 1982 to Makerere University, to teach creative writing.

Peter Nazareth (b:1940) is a major critic and writer of fiction and drama. He was born in Uganda of Goan parents, was educated at Makerere University (Uganda) and at the University of Leeds. While residing in Africa, he simultaneously served as senior finance officer in Idi Amin's finance ministry until 1973, when he accepted a fellowship at Yale University (USA) and emigrated from Uganda. He is currently professor of English and African-American World Studies at the University of Iowa, where he is also a consultant to the International Writing Program.



His first novel *In a Brown Mantle* addresses the quest of Goan identity in Africa, through the story of a new independent country Damibia, a fictional country in East Africa. Nazareth is clearly a Ugandan nationalist, but one who loves his Goan roots. His second novel *The General Is Up*, published by TSAR Publications in Toronto in 1991, is also about the problems of post-independence Damibia and is based on the expulsion of Asians from Uganda.

Nazareth attracted major media attention for teaching that university's popular course "Elvis as Anthology," which explores the deep mythological roots of Elvis Presley's roles in popular culture. His literary criticisms have been enriched by his trenchant observations of the fate of diverse global economic and academic migrants, spanning the Asian, African and black American cultural histories. This includes specifically, the Goan diaspora settled in Western countries, the post Idi Amin Asian emigration from Eastern Africa and of the cultural superstitions of the pre-Obama presidency of American politics.

His books include: *In a Brown Mantle* (1972), *The General is Up*, Toronto: TSAR Books (1991), *Literature and Society in Modern Africa* (1972), *The Third World Writer: His Social Responsibility* (1978), *African Writing Today* (1981), *A Feny Fele*, Budapest (1984) (selected essays in Hungarian translation), *In the Trickster Tradition: The Novels of Andrew Salkey, Francis Ebejer and Ishmael Reed* (1994), *Critical Essays on Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o* (2000), *Edwin Thumboo: Creating a Nation Through Poetry*, Singapore (2008), *Pivoting on the Point of Return: Modern Goan Literature* (2010)

Source: Wikipedia and extracts of a biography written by John Scheckter.

Taban Lo Liyong (born 1939) is one of Africa's well-known poets and writers of fiction and literary criticism. His political views, as well as his on-going denigration of the post-colonial system of education in East Africa, have inspired criticism and controversy since the late 1960s.

He was born in Uganda. After matriculation there, he attended Howard University and the University of Iowa Writer's Workshop, where he was the first African to graduate in 1968. On the completion of his studies in the U.S., the tyrannical regime of Idi Amin prevented him from returning to Uganda. He went instead to neighbouring Kenya, and taught at the University of Nairobi. He has also taught at international universities in Sudan, Papua New Guinea, Australia, Japan, and South Africa.

Among his works: *The Last Word* (1969), *Meditations in Limbo* (1970), *Franz Fanon's Uneven Ribs* (1971), *Another Nigger Dead* (1972), *Ballads of Underdevelopment* (1976), *Another Last Word* (1990).

Doreen Baingana is a Ugandan short story writer. Her book, *Tropical Fish* won the 2006 Commonwealth Writers' Prize, best first book, Africa, and an AWP Short Fiction Award. She has graduated from Makerere University with a JD, and from the University of Maryland with an MFA. While at Makerere University Baingana was an active member of FEMRITE - Uganda Women Writers Association. Her work has appeared in AGNI, Glimmer Train, African American Review, Callaloo, The Guardian, and Kwani.

Austin Bukenya - A Uganda-born playwright, novelist, poet, critic, accomplished stage actor and sportsman and who has in the past also taught Literature and Languages at universities in Nairobi and Kenya, is fastidious about the creative performances of *The Bride*, should anyone decide to stage the play. Other books: *Fountain standard* Uganda-English dictionary, *The bride: a play in four movements*, *The people's bachelor*, *Thirty Years of Bananas*, *Understanding Oral Literature*

Sey Wava (he used the pseudonym Moses Isegawa): He attended a Catholic seminary and the Makerere University. Wava first worked as a history teacher before leaving for the Netherlands in 1990 at the age of 27. His first novel, *Abyssinian Chronicles*, was written in English but first published in Dutch in the Netherlands in 1998. It sold more than 100,000 copies in a nation of 16 million people, creating a stir that earned him an invitation to Parliament and a profile on television. It was published in English in 2001. His second novel, *Snakepit* (1999), was set directly in the years of the dictatorship of Idi Amin. It is an examination of evil and corruption. Isegawa resided for more than 15 years in Beverwijk, a small town near Amsterdam, and became a naturalized Dutch citizen. He



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moved back to Uganda in 2006.

Catherine Samali Kavuma is a novelist (Malita and Other Stories) and a prominent Ugandan personality. At the age of eight she moved with her family to Great Britain. In the early 1970s, her family moved to Ethiopia. Catherine went to Loreto Convent School Msongari, in Nairobi, Kenya where she finished secondary school. Later she went back to Britain again to study at St. Francis de Sales Convent in Tring, Hertfordshire.

In 1980 she moved to the United States to study at the State University of New York (SUNY) College at Cortland, where she got a Bachelors Degree in Anthropology. In the mid-1980s Kavuma moved to Washington, D.C. to work for the Ambassador of Uganda to the United States at the Embassy of Uganda, and later at the World Bank as Program Assistant in the office of the Executive Director for Africa.

Monica Arac de Nyeko (born 1979) is a Ugandan writer of short fiction, poetry, and essays. She was educated at Makerere University and the University of Groningen.[1] While at Makerere University Arac de Nyeko was an active member of FEMRITE - Uganda Women Writers Association,[2] which she has credited for giving her "a place and space to write with a network of support and mentorship--handy when you are starting out." [3] In 2007 she won the Caine Prize for the story Jambula Tree. One of her other noted stories is Strange Fruit.

Professor Bahadur Tejani

Tejani is well known as a writer and scholar from Uganda. He was born in Kenya in 1942. He is the author of seven plays, a collection of poems. Some of the poems and essays have been anthologized by Wole Soyinka, the first Nobel Prize winner of literature from Africa in Poems from Black Africa and in Transition. Tejani's play, Babalola and other writings have been broadcast by The BBC London and by The Voice of America, Washington DC. Most of his work is available at the Library of Congress in Washington DC. The e-books version below are published by the author himself. He was a Professor at the University of Nairobi.

A Gujarati like Gandhi, from Gujarat State in India, Tejani is dedicated to his mother tongue, which is Gujarati and he is probably the only writer from East Africa who is still composing in Gujarati in 2010. He has written three plays, songs and articles in Gujarati. In this rare passion he is influenced by the philosophy of cultural nationalism created and practiced by Ngugi wa Thiongo, East Africa's most well-known writer and a close friend and mentor of Tejani.

Source: ismailmail.wordpress.com/2007/03/26/ismaili-author-bahadur-tejani/

Parts from *BA Tejani: A Man Of African Renaissance*, By Dr. Anne Koshi,

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In 2012, she featured in the London Times alongside 19 young women shaping the future of Africa. She blogs for Transitions on the Foreign Policy magazine website. She has written for the New York Times, Boston Globe, Latitude News, the GlobalPost, The Sunday Vision and Sunday Monitor. She has worked as a peace writer at the Joan B Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice (IPJ, University of San Diego, research fellow at the Institute for

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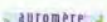















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From ACMS website.

Jameela Siddiqi was born in Mombasa, Kenya and grew up in Kampala and Jinja, Uganda from where she went to Britain in 1972 following Idi Amin's Asian Expulsion. She studied English and History at Makerere University Kampala, and at the London School of Economics. She has worked as a television journalist, broadcaster and writer since 1976. She won a Sony Gold award for her series "Songs of the Sufi Mystics" on BBC World Service Radio (1997) and was presenter of the acclaimed Radio 3 series "Nights of the Goddess" (2000) which featured music from Mumbai. She has compiled numerous albums and written liner notes for Indian classical, devotional film and folk music CDs. She is a regular contributor and reviewer for 'Songlines' and has authored chapters on Indian music for both 'Rough Guides to World Music' and a forthcoming Cambridge University volume. She has also written for a CD-Rom on the origins and evolution of Indian Classical music.



Her first novel, "The Feast of the Nine Virgins" was published by Bogle L'Ouverture in London, (2001). She has just completed a second novel, "Bombay Gardens. According to Confluence: "Her East African childhood, experience of migration from Idi Amin's Uganda, and lifelong interest in Bollywood and passion for music, all colour her novels."

This article is substantially as found on BBC's website.

China Keitetsi (born 1976) is a novelist and Ugandan activist most known for her work for the plight of child soldiers. Keitetsi was a child soldier herself fighting with the National Resistance Army which was fighting to overthrow Uganda's then President Milton Obote. She suffered the loss of many of her friends in battle and, like many other girls, was raped by her superior officers. In 1995 she left Uganda and with the help of the UNHCR settled in Denmark. There Keitetsi published her memoirs in a book entitled "Child Soldier: Fighting for my life". She has become an international spokeswoman for the plight of child soldiers worldwide. China's book has been published in Denmark, the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, South Africa, England, France, Spain, the Czech Republic, Japan and China.



Barbara Kimenyé was born in 1929 in England but considers herself Ugandan by birth. Kimenyé began writing but also studied nursing in London. She married a Tanzanian and returned to Uganda in the early 1950s. Kimenyé pursued a career in journalism and went on to become a columnist for the Uganda Nation and Kenya's Daily Nation. Kimenyé is considered to be the first Black female journalist in East Africa and is one of the first Anglophone women writers to be published out of East Africa. The short story 'The Winner' comes from Kimenyé's collection Kalasanda (1965). The stories in this collection and Kimenyé's later collection Kalasanda Revisited (1966) follow the ordinary lives of the inhabitants of the village Kalasanda in Buganda. She is a writer of African Children's Literature and her most popular series is about a boy named Moses, such as 'Moses and the man from Mars' published in 1991.

<http://woyingi.wordpress.com/2009/08/06/short-story-review-the-winner-by-barbara-kimenye/>

Jane Musoke-Nteyafas (born c. 1976) is a poet, writer, visual artist, columnist and playwright. She was born in Moscow, Russia, to Truman Musoke-Nteyafas, an Ugandan diplomat and politician, and Beatrice Musoke-Nteyafas, a visual artist and fashion designer. Diplomatic assignments of her father required the family to move often. Musoke-Nteyafas spent time growing up in the Soviet Union, Uganda, France, Denmark, Cuba and Canada. She attended the British School of Paris in France, and Bjørns International School and Rygårds International School in Denmark. In Uganda, she attended Gayaza Junior School, Gayaza High School and Namasagali College. She also attended University of Matanzas and the University "Marta Abreu" of Las Villas in Cuba, where she studied International law.

Musoke-Nteyafas' writing has been published in a number of little magazines. She is a columnist for Bahiyah Woman Magazine, AfroToronto, BH Magazine, ChickenBones, AuthorMe, and Precious Online. She currently resides in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Mahmood Mamdani is an academic, author and political commentator. He is a Professor and Director of the Makerere Institute of Social Research at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, and the Herbert Lehman Professor of Government at Columbia University, New York. He grew up in Uganda and acquired his B.A from the University of Pittsburgh, before going on to attain his Masters degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in 1969 and PhD from Harvard University in 1974.



Mamdani specializes in the study of African and international politics, colonialism and post - colonialism, and the politics of knowledge production. His works explore the intersection between politics and culture, a comparative study of colonialism since 1452, the history of civil war and genocide in Africa, the Cold War and the War on Terror, and the history and theory of human rights. Prior to taking the directorship of MISR in 2010 and joining the Columbia faculty in 1999, Mamdani was a professor at the University of Dar-es-Salaam, Makerere University, and the University of Cape Town. From 1998 to 2002 he served as President of CODESRIA (Council for the Development of Social Research in Africa).

His works include: "Uganda Studies in Labour (Codesria Book Series)", "Scholars in the Marketplace. The Dilemmas of Neo-Liberal Reform at Makerere University, 1989-2005", "From Citizen to Refugee: Uganda Asians Come to Britain", "Academic Freedom in Africa", "Imperialism and Fascism in Uganda", "Studies in Labor Markets (National Bureau of Economic Research Universities-National Bureau Conference Ser)", "Politics and Class Formation in Uganda", and more.

Glaydah Namukasa was born in Buganda and she attended the crossing borders writers' scheme by the British Council. In 2005, she was announced as the winner of the Macmillan Writer's Prize for Africa Senior Prize for her book *Voice of A Dream* which earned her the prize of \$5,000. To date, she has written and co-authored many books which include her award-winning 'Voice of a Dream', "The Deadly Ambition", among other.

Dr. Michael Bazzebulala Nsimbi, MBE, (b: 1910) was considered the Father of Ganda literature, was a pioneer of Luganda language, culture and written forms. In the 1940s Nsimbi produced *Ennono z'Abaganda* (The Origins of Baganda), a foundational work in the development of Luganda orthography and historiography. He established the Luganda Society in 1950 to preserve, popularize and promote the use of Luganda among both Baganda and non-Baganda, and worked with J. D. Chesswas to produce text books for courses in Luganda language. Chairman of the society from 1963–1987, Nsimbi was a driving force, together with Dr. Livingstone Walusimbi, in establishing a Luganda language curriculum for the first time at Makerere University in 1976. As a result a high school curriculum was introduced in 1979, and a curriculum for the National Teachers' Colleges in 1984. In 1989 he was awarded an honorary doctoral degree (Doctor of Letters, Honoris Causa) from Makerere. Nsimbi also encouraged the revival of other local languages and cultures in the nation of Uganda. He died in 1994, and the same year was honoured with the creation of the Dr. Nsimbi Scholarship Scheme in honor of his work in promoting Luganda language and culture.

Julius Ocwinyo (born 1961) is a Ugandan editor, poet and novelist. His novels include *Fate of the Banished* (1997), *The Unfulfilled Dream* (2002), and *Footprints of the Outsider*. Ocwinyo was born in Teboke village in Apac District. He studied at Aboke Junior Seminary and Lango College, before joining the Institute of Teacher Education at Kyambogo, where he earned a Diploma in Education. He later studied at Makerere University, where he received a Bachelor of Education. Ocwinyo taught at various educational institutions before becoming an editor for Fountain

Timothy Wangusa (born 1942) is a Ugandan poet and novelist. He studied English at Makerere University where he later served on faculty, and the University of Leeds (UK). He wrote his MA and PhD on British and African poetry, respectively. Wangusa started working at Makerere University in 1969 rose to Professor in 1981. Later Wangusa served as Head of Department of Literature and Dean of Faculty of Arts. He was also Minister of Education in the Ugandan Government (1985-86) and Member of Parliament (1989-96). Wangusa played a pivotal role in establishing the Department of Languages and Literature at Uganda Christian University, an Anglican University in Mukono.



His collection of poems *Salutations: Poems 1965-1975* (1977), reissued with additional poems as *A Pattern of Dust: Selected Poems 1965-1990* (1994), reflects his rural origins. His novel "Upon This Mountain" (1989) combines African folklore and proverbs with Christian symbolism. Its main theme is that of growing up in the Ugandan society and what challenges come with growing up in the traditional setting. Other works are "Anthem for Africa" (1995) and "Africa's New Brood" (2006).

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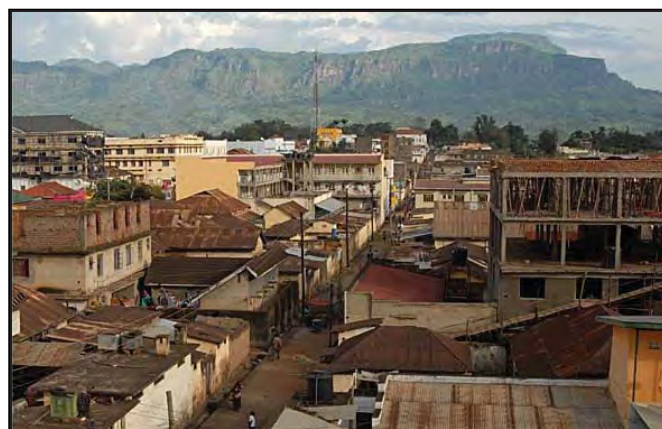
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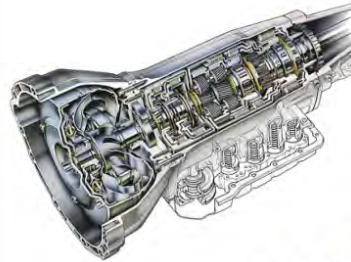
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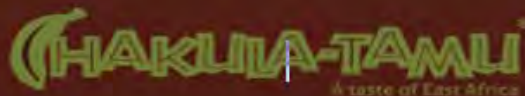
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Tourism is now recognized as one of the eight (8) Primary Growth sectors of the economy and the fastest growing. Others are: Agriculture, Forestry, Mining, Manufacturing, ICT, Oil and Gas and Housing Development.

Tourism in Uganda offers opportunity for multiplication of income several times over the initial investment, causing a chain of income and employment creation in many other sectors. It indirectly promotes equal growth of sectors and balanced growth in the economy. It also increases Household incomes more directly and instantly than the rest of the growth sectors, hence an effective strategy for poverty reduction. In particular, Tourism creates demand in most sectors of the economy such as Agric., manufacturing,

transport, communication, aviation, energy, etc.

Tourism is therefore an engine for Growth, Employment and Socioeconomic Transformation of Uganda.

OVERVIEW OF PRESTO

The Presidential Initiative on Sustainable Tourism (PRESTO) launched by H.E. President Yoweri K. Museveni is a response to the urgent need to take advantage of the various accolades, particularly the one by the Lonely Planet, which declared Uganda the best destination of choice for 2012, in the world.

Overall, PRESTO is aimed at making quick gains from the 2012 global recognitions by enhancing tourism promotion and marketing, to further support existing sectoral plans and budget provisions. PRESTO will also support innovative actions for boosting foreign tourist arrivals and domestic tourism.

OBJECTIVES OF PRESTO

The following are the specific objectives of PRESTO:

1. Enhance attraction of foreign tourist arrivals to the country in response to declaration of Uganda as the global destination for 2012;
2. Provide short-term fixes to constraints and challenges deterring effective tourism promotion and marketing;
3. Provide support for quick fixes to tourism institutional and infrastructure challenges for maximum visitor satisfaction;
4. Support strengthening and development of platforms for sustainable tourism development.

PRESTO IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

PRESTO will be implemented in close collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Heritage, the Uganda Tourism Board, Uganda Wildlife Authority, and other Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies that play a complimentary role in Tourism promotion and development and the Private Sector.

INTERVENTIONS IDENTIFIED BY PRESTO

1. Promotion of the Destination's Tourism Visibility

- Destination Branding including Logo designs & Promotion, Branding and Signage of key sites such as Uganda's Missions etc.
- Promotional Collateral such as Promotional Bill Boards, Tourist Maps and Promotional Gifts.
- Promotional Drives aimed at New/greater presence in Europe, Americas, Asia, Arab and Africa regions.
- Advertising in major In-flight Magazines
- Familiarization & Education Tours for Travel Writers; Tour Operator Groups; Tours of high profile guests, musicians & other celebrities.

2. Promotion of Domestic Tourism

- Golden Musical Tours
- Golden Faith Based Tours
- Golden Schools Tours
- Tourism Awareness Campaigns Support to Domestic fairs
- Mobilization and Awareness of Public Leaders

3. Skills Enhancement in the Hospitality Sector

- Quality Assurance and Promotional Training to Government Officers
- Training Hotel and Restaurant in Service Staff
- Tour Guide Training

4. Enhancing Tourism Quality Assurance Programs

- Grading and Classification of Hotels
- Inspection and Enterprise Support Supervision of Hospitality Businesses

5. Tourism Product Development

- Support Craft Industry
- Support Marine Tourism (Install Floating Mark on Equator Point in Lake Victoria; Development of Kalagala Itanda Falls; Development of Sipi Falls; & Support to Marina at the UWEC.)
- Support Aerodromes;
- Tourist Stop Over Points
- Support three Cultural Tourism Products (To be identified and actions are elaborated in project document)

6. Support to Promotion and Marketing Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement

- Support Infrastructure (2 specialized promotional vans; Office tools)
- Support Training to Tourism staff
- Promotional Offices (At Entebbe, UTB, other Posts)
- Put Promotional Agencies abroad in place

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Implementation of the PRESTO initiative started in May 2012 with the very successful organization and promotion of Uganda and its tourism potential at the 2012 Uganda Martyrs' Day Celebrations attended by over 1.5million local and foreign pilgrims and the 2012 Buganda Tourism Expo showcasing Uganda's rich Cultural Heritage.

Naava Nabagesera

Special Presidential Assistant to H E The President /Political Affairs

PRESTO Project Coordinator

INDIAN ASSOCIATION UGANDA

The Indian Association of Uganda is 90 years old (established in 1922), registered NGO having its own constitution and incorporated under the Trustees Incorporation Act (Cap. 165 of the Laws of Uganda), an umbrella body for all Indians in Uganda. It is a voluntary social organization of Indians residing in Uganda and there are approximately 30,000 Indians in Uganda engaged in different categories of businesses contributing towards the development of Uganda, providing substantial employment to the society having major concentration in initiating and promoting Charitable activities particularly in the fields of Health, Education among the local community in Uganda. Promoting Social, Educational, Economic and Cultural welfare of the people and residents of Uganda, advocacy, sensitizing the community members about their responsibilities, Information services, coordination and networking, enhancing unity, dialogue and cooperation amongst all communities.

ACTIVITIES ACCOMPLISHED/ACHIVEMENTS TO THE SOCIETY

Some of the major activities carried out by IAU for welfare of local communities are listed below;

- A) **Heart Surgeries** of Ugandan children suffering from cardiac ailments; 26 children sent for heart surgeries to Narayan Hrudalaya Bangalore in 3 batches in past 4 years. 20 more such Ugandan child patients will be sent to Narayan Hrudalaya, Bangalore in 2012.
Total contribution; US\$ 250,000/=
- B) **Blood Donation** Drive; Partnering with Uganda Red Cross Society in this blood donation Drive 2012 and target to raise over 2000 units of blood in 12 months.
- C) **Jigger Eradication** ;Busoga Region,March 2012 & Dec 2010Indian Association joined forces with the political leadership and the people of Busoga Region in the Jigger Eradication Campaign. Following the initiatives of the Rt. Hon. Rebecca Kadaga. Treating 300 patients suffering from Jiggers, besides Jiger eradication, we used our mobile dental clinic to treat 75 patients suffering from Dental disorder.
- D) **Sponsorship of Athletes** – Sept -2010; Sponsorship of Ugandan athletes for common wealth games in India (Tickets, Kits and Trading charges) contribution US\$ 150,000/=.
- E) **Land Slides in Mbale District;**
 - Visited the Bulecheke Camp in March with 50 members of Indian Community, camping at the site for two days. 2000 victims were helped and distributed items worth US\$100,000/= in person under the guidance of Camp management team.
 - again on 14th April in conjunction with Zain Uganda (Now Airtel) to distribute scholastic materials to School going children, phones and internet modems for intercommunication free of cost amongst relief workers and volunteers.
- F) **Flood Victims at Soroti&Katakwi - 2008;** Helped Flood Victims in Katakwi and Soroti Districts.Relief items worth US\$ 100,000 were distributed to suffering Ugandans of Teso region- flood affected area, Camping 3 days in villages.
- G) **Wheel Chair Donation;2008;** 120 wheel chairs were distributed to handicapped Ugandans.
- H) **Donation of Medical Equipments;-** Donation of Medical Equipments to St Francisca Clinic, Nsambya (Supply Operation Tables, cold Lights, and Sterilizers.

- I) **Scholarship to Ugandan Students;** We plan to award 200 scholarships to needy Ugandan students for higher education.contribution worth US\$ 150,000/=

On cultural activities,

- we celebrate, every year, India day, in conjunction with one of the community association, involving local talents, we also arrange intercommunity 6 aside cricket matches, under India Day Trophy; every year.
- For Diwali, we have community gathering, titled Food & Music festival, open to all
- Holi/ Dhuleti we celebrate with music, organic colors full of fun & masti
- Eid celebrations, once in a year at Indian Association premises, open to all

Indian Association Uganda, as an umbrella Body of Indian Residents in Uganda; not only promotes social and cultural welfare of Indian Residents but sponsors needy Ugandans for Heart surgeries, award scholarships, render helping hand to local community in person for any natural calamities, inculcate peace & harmony, cultural integrity and brotherhood between Ugandans and Indians.





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